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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch steamers as above with mails, passengers and cargo, every fourteen days.

The steam-ship "Arabia," 1,077 tons, 300 H. P., Commander J. J. Ballantine, will be despatched on Tuesday, the 13th April, at noon.

	April		April.
Leave Bombay	13	Leave Galle	23
„ Butnagherry	14	„ Negapatam	23
„ Vingorla	14	„ Pondicherry	24
„ Carwar	15	„ Madras	26
„ Mangalore	16	„ Coconada	28
„ Cannanore	17	„ Vizagapatam	29
„ Calicut	17	„ Bimlipatam	29
„ Beypore	17	„ Gopalpore	30
„ Cochin	18		May.
„ Tuticorin	19	„ False Point	1
„ Colombo	20	Arrive Calcutta	2

This route is the most expeditious and economical for passengers for the Neilgherries district, Bangalore and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N. B.—Until further notice the steamers from Bombay and Calcutta will call at Rutnagherry and Vingorla monthly on the dates above given.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging cargo and passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, will despatch a steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah.

Up.	Apl.	Apl.	Down.	Apl.	May.
Leave Bombay	5	& 19	Leave Bussorah	23	& 7
„ Kurrachee	9	23	„ Fao	23	7
„ Guadur	10	24	„ Bushire	25	9
„ Muscat	13	27	„ Lingah	27	11
„ Bunder Abbas	15	29	„ Bunder Abbas	29	13
„ Lingah	16	30		May.	
	May.		„ Muscat	1	15
„ Bushire	19	3	„ Guadur	3	17
„ Fao	20	4	„ Kurrachee	5	19
Arrive Bussorah	21	5	Arrive Bombay	8	22

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

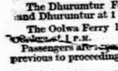
STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every MONDAY, at noon.

The steam-ship "Mahratta," 742 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Scott, will be despatched on Monday, the 12th April, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.



STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats ply between the Bunder daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Fares from Bombay to	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Oorun.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	3 0	2 0	3 0
Second Class	0 12	1 0	0 8	0 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 8

The Dhurumtur Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M. and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M.

The Oolwa Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 9 A.M., and Colaba at 1 P.M.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Apollo Street, Bombay, 5th November 1867.

BROACH, GOGO, AND BHOWNUGGUR FERRY.

STEAM FERRY (under Contract with Government.) A Steam Ferry Boat plies daily between Broach, Gogo, and Bhownuggur.

Fares from Broach.	To Gogo.	To Bhownuggur.
First Class	Rs. 5 0	Rs. 7 0
Second Class	„ 3 8	„ 4 0
Deck	„ 1 8	„ 2 0
Horses	„ 4 0	„ 5 0
Carriages	„ 4 0	„ 6 0

Further particulars can be learnt on application to the undermentioned Agents:—

PURDOONEE JEEWANJEE, at Broach.
BUTTA KALLIANDASS, Gogo.
PURBHUDASHUNKER GOWREESHUNKER, Bhownuggur, or to the undersigned at Bombay,

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Church Street, Bombay, 12th January 1869.

THE well known first class Steamer "Phlox," Baker, Commander, will leave Bombay for the under noted places every Tuesday, taking Goods and Passengers, starting from the Apollo Bunder at 4 P.M., viz:—

Hurnee. Jeytapoor. Vingoria.
Unjanvell. Malwan. Goa.
Rutnagherry.

For Freight or Passage apply to Nusserwanjee Kersasjee, Manager, Bazaar Gate Street, and for Charter, to J. Dixon, Rampart Row.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER TO CHINA OR NEIGHBOURING PORTS.

THE A 1 British built composite clipper barque "Gleam," 291 tons registered, W. Burgess, Commander. For particulars apply at Byramjee and Merwanjee Dubashes, No. 3 Nesbit Lane, Fort, or to Commander on board the ship, close to Custom House Bunder.

2nd April 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of cargo per ship "City of Lahore," arrived from Glasgow, are requested to despatch boats at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents of ship.

Bombay, 1st April 1869.

NOTICES.

MESSRS. M. B. COHEN & Co., Shipping Agents, No. 8, Meadow Street, and General Commission Agents, No. 8, Meadow Street, entrance Bell Lane.

M. B. COHEN & Co.

2nth January 1869.

N. B.—Orders from Up-country promptly attended to.

NOTICE.—The next meeting of the Bombay Drainage and Water Supply Commission will be held in the Durbar Room of the Town Hall, on Wednesday next, the 7th instant, at 2 P.M.

I.B. LYON, Secretary

Bombay, 5th April 1869.

IRON SHIP COMPANY, Limited, (in Liquidation).—An 8th and final distribution of assets of Rs. 2 per share will be payable at our office on and after the 6th instant

CAMPBELL, MITCHELL & Co.,

Agents to the Liquidators Iron Ship Company (Limited).

Bombay, 5th April 1869.

ELPHINSTONE LAND and PRESS COMPANY, Limited.—SIXTH CALL on NEW SHARES.—Notice is hereby given, that interest, at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum, will be charged on all payments of the call made between 1st and 30th April 1869, and at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, from 1st April 1869, on all payments of the call made after the 30th of that month.

By order of the Directors,

W. NICOL & Co.,

Secretaries and Treasurers.

NOTICE.—Sealed Tenders will be received at this Office up to 2 P.M. on Thursday the 8th instant, from parties willing to undertake the execution of ordinary repairs to the Public Buildings at the Presidency for the season 1869-70.

The Survey Reports and Estimates of the above repairs can be seen, and other particulars learnt, on application during office hours.

The tenders should be accompanied with a deposit at 2½ per cent, which will be forfeited to Government in the event of parties whose offers will be accepted evading or delaying to sign the indentures.

No reason will be assigned for the rejection of the lowest or any tender.

KAHANDAS MUNCHARAM,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

Bombay, Office of the Executive Engineer, Presidency, 1st April 1869.

NOTICE.—To be sold by Public Auction, on 19th April at 1 P.M., at Her Majesty's Dockyard, a quantity of condemned stores, comprising awnings, sails, yards, masts, old rope, and other miscellaneous articles belonging to the Department of the Master Attendant and Conservator of the Port.

Also, at the same time and place, under the provisions of Section XXXIX., Act XXII. of 1855, several serviceable bower anchors, with chain cables attached of different lengths, and three large grapnels, all recovered from the bed of the port.

Terms of Sale.—A deposit of 25 per cent for all lots above 10 rupees to be paid immediately the lots are knocked down, the remainder to be paid and the articles cleared away on or before the 3rd day after the sale, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the lots resold at the risk and loss of the first purchaser.

All lots of 10 rupees and under are to be paid for as soon as the lots are knocked down to the purchaser.

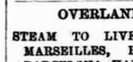
J. EVERARD C. PRYCE,
Master Attendant and Conservator of the Port.

Master Attendant's Office, Bombay, 29th March 1869.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR LONDON VIA HAVRE.

(To sail full, or not full, on or before 10th proximo.)



THE A 1 clipper ship "Dilharree," 1,223 tons register, [Walter Hamilton Bisset, R. N. R., Commander, will be despatched as above.

For freight or passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 6th April 1869.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.—TEAK TIMBER.—Tenders are invited for the supply of 1,500 tons of Moulmein or Rangoon Teak Timber in squared logs. To be delivered at the Company's Stores, Byculla, at the rate of not less than 200 tons per month, commencing on and from the 1st of October next.

Specification and form of tender may be obtained by an application to the Storekeeper's Office, Byculla, Bombay.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Agent at the Company's Offices, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, up to noon on the 31st May. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

ALFRED KING,
Acting Storekeeper.

Stores Office, Byculla, 6th April 1869.

MONSOON SUPPLIES.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited),

In reminding their outstation constituents of the near approach of the monsoon season, request attention to the advantages offered by their present system of

LIBERAL REDUCTIONS FOR CASH PAYMENT.

To prevent misapprehension, they take occasion to expain that their

CASH RATES

must be understood to apply only to transactions in which;—in the case of Local constituents, cash is paid upon order or delivery; and, in the case of Post orders remittance in full (covering packing and other expenses), accompanies order: enquiries respecting such expenses meet immediate attention.

DISCOUNTS ALLOWED ON MONTHLY ACCOUNTS,

On sums exceeding ten Rupees 5 per cent;
on sums exceeding fifty Rupees 10 per cent.

Particular attention is invited to the

PURVEYING DEPARTMENT,

which is kept replete with the freshest stores received by

EVERY OVERLAND MAIL,

an arrangement by which (their extensive business enabling them to carry it out thoroughly), they can confidently

GUARANTEE THE FRESHNESS OF ALL STORES

SPIRITS.

The Company are exclusive Wholesale and Retail Agents in this Presidency for the superior productions of "the Vine-Growers' Association of Cognac," which will be found particularly pure, soft, and delicately flavoured.

The Public are requested, before purchasing from other than the Company's Establishments Brandy purporting to be Treacher & Co.'s, to see that the Labels, Corks, and Capsules of the bottles bear the Company's trade-marks, a "Phœnix" and "Travelling Bottle" (a flat and portable speciality for Travellers' use), as Spurious Liquors have frequently been bottled in waste bottles bearing the Company's labels, and "foisted" upon purchasers, through their servants, as the "genuine article."—See Police Report in "Times of India" of 17th June 1867.

BRANDIES.

	Cash. Rs. as.	Credit. Rs. as.
Cognac, Fine Old Pale; (Treacher & Co.'s celebrated Heart-labelled Brandy) ...per doz.	27 0	30 0
Cognac, Fine Old Pale; (Treacher & Co.'s) the "Travelling Bottle" (a flat and portable speciality for Travellers' use)	24 0	27 0
Cognac, Pale; the Vine-Growers' Co's label	18 0	21 0
Brandy, Exshaw's No. 1	38 0	42 0
„ Exshaw's No. 2	24 0	28 0
„ Hennessey's	25 0	28 0
„ Martell's	25 0	28 0
„ Monnier's Vine Leaf	24 0	27 0
„ Pinet Castillon's	27 0	30 0

LONDON GINS.

Booth's London Old Tom	18 0	21 0
Swaine and Board's	17 0	20 0

HOLLANDS GIN.

Geneva Genuine Hollands, by John De Kuyper and Son, of Rotterdam, per case of 15 large square bottles	25 8	28 0
Do. do. 12 small squares...per doz.	14 0	16 0

RUMS.

The Company are exclusive Agents in this Presidency for the Celebrated Old Jamaica Rum of Messrs. Henry White & Co., the largest shippers in the Empire, and Purveyors of this Spirit by appointment to Her Majesty's Navy.

Rum, Finest Old Jamaica, H. White and Co.'s	Qts. per doz.	21 0 24 0
Rum, Old Jamaica	„	18 0 21 0

WHISKEYS.

Irish, Kinahan's Celebrated L. L.		19 0 21 0
Scotch, Crabbie's Fine Highlands		18 0 20 0

LIQUEURS AND CREMES.

Of the finest qualities, and from the first shippers only.

ABSINTHE.

De Fuerstenthum, Neuenburg, Inder Schweitz	per doz.	23 0	26 0
Do. do.	each	2 0	2 8

CHERRY BRANDY.

Peter Heering's Original Copenhagen.	Qts. each	2 6	2 12
Do. do.	Pts. „	1 4	1 8

CURACAO.

Wynand Fockink's, of Amsterdam White or Red, in Stone bottles	Qts. each	3 0	3 8
Do. do.	Pts. „	1 12	2 0
Boord and Son's or London (very fine)	Qts. „	3 8	4 0
White & Co.'s Celebrated Curacao			
Sherer	Qts. „	2 12	3

MARASCHINO.

Di Francesco Drioli, Di Zara (the original)	Qts. each	4 8	5 0
Do. do.	Pts. „	2 12	3 0
Boord and Son's (very fine)	Qts. „	3 8	4 8

CORDIALS.

Ginger Wine by Crabbe	Qts. per doz.	18 0	20 0
Ginger Brandy	each	1 12	2 0
Ginger Cordial	„	1 12	2 0

DE CITRONELLE.

A very delicately flavoured Liqueur, Boord and Son's	Qts. each	3 8	4 0

DE NOYEAU.

(Crême de Martinique).

Boord and Son's (very fine)	Qts. each	3 8	4 0
Forestier's, of Bordeaux	„ „	2 8	3 0
Wynand Fockink's	„ „	3 0	3 8
Do.	Pts. „	1 12	2 0

DE LA ROSE.

Forestier's	Qts. each	2 8	3 0
Wynand Fockink's	„ „	3 3	3 8
Do.	Pts. „	1 12	2 0

DE VANILLE.

Forestier's	Qts. each	2 8	3 0
Wynand Fockink's	„ „	3 0	3 8
Do.	Pts. „	1 12	2 0

VERMOUTH.

Highly valued for its refreshing and restorative properties. This wine is an excellent stomachic, was formerly in great favour and request, and is the only Liqueur that has successfully maintained its ancient reputation.

Supérieure de Noilly Prat & Cie	per doz.	18 0	21 0
Do. do.	each	1 12	2 0

PUNCH LIQUORS.

Champagne Punch	Bottle. each	3 0	3 8
Milk Punch, Concentrated Essence of	Pts. each	1 12	2 0
Rum Punch, Concentrated Essence of	„ „	1 12	2 0

Note.—Not less than 3 bottles supplied at Cash rates.

TONIC WINE BITTERS.

The Company are the sole Agents for the Celebrated Angostura Bitters by Dr. Siegert, of Angostura.

These Bitters were first introduced generally to the European public at the Great International Exhibition, 1862, where they obtained the award from the Jury of "Honourable Mention for goodness of quality," since which time a very large and constantly increasing demand has arisen for them.

The Executive Engineer reserves to himself the right of rejecting any tender without assigning any cause for so doing.

All particulars relating to this contract may be learnt on personal application, during office hours, at the office of the Executive Engineer, Bombay Defences.

NEW GOODS SUITABLE for the WARM SEASON.—Geo. Nicoll & Co. have the pleasure to announce they have just received per Overland—

Gent's Glove Kid E. Boots.
„ Morocco Stanley Boots.
„ Calf Elastic do. Light.
„ Ext'd Goloah, Cloth Top, False Button Boots.
„ Buckskin and Russett Boots.
„ Glove Kid Shoes.

Bombay, 7th April 1869.

PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—An abatement of 20 per cent from the charge for the return journey will be made in favour of passengers by P. & O. Company's Steamers between India and Australia, provided they re-embark within three months of the date of landing.

Fare from Bombay to Melbourne or Sydney...Rs. 500.

G. F. HENRY,
Superintendent.

Bombay, April, 1869.

THE COMMERCIAL, FINANCE, and STOCK EXCHANGE CORPORATION, Limited, (Under Liquidation).—Notice is hereby given, that a third and final distribution of assets, at the rate of Rs. 4-2 annas per share, will be payable on or after the 10th instant, at the office of Messrs Ireland, Cleveland, and Ryle, Solicitors, on producing the receipts for the 1st call or certificater given by the Liquidators.

This dividend will not be payable on those shares standing in the names of parties who are in any way indebted to the Corporation.

Those who have not received the 1st and 2nd dividends are requested to apply at once for the same, otherwise their claim will be forfeited.

G. S. CLAY.
CURSETJEE HORMUSJEE, } Liquidators.

Bombay, 6th April 1869.

ESTATE of JAMES SIGG & Co.—NOTICE.—Creditors on this Estate, whose claims duly supported by affidavit, have been admitted, will receive a first dividend of five (5) per cent, on the adjusted amounts of their claims on application at the office of Messrs. Lidbetter and Wilson, 6 Elphinstone Circle, on Thursday the 8th instant, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 2 P.M.

Creditors when applying for dividend must produce the bills and vouchers relating to their claims.

Forms of affidavit can be obtained at the office of the Trustees.

G. R. WILSON, for self & co.-Trustee.

Bombay, 6th April 1869.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY.

In the matters of the Indian Companies Act 1866, and of the Indian Peninsula, London, and China Bank, Limited.

Notice is hereby given, that by an order dated the 13th day of March 1869, made by the Honorable Mr. Justice Westropp, it was ordered, under Sections 154 and 128 of the said Act, "that all persons claiming to be creditors of the said Indian Peninsula, London, and China Bank, should on or before the 13th day of July next send in their names and addresses, and particulars of their debts, claims, and demands, in writing, to the Liquidator, at his office, No. 6 Rampart Row, or in default should be finally barred from the claims or any claim against the said Bank.—Dated this 13th day of March 1869.

KEIR, PRESCOT, and WINTER
Attorneys for Liquidator.

SAVORY AND MOORE'S IMPROVED LIEBIG'S FOOD.

AS USED IN THE ROYAL NURSERY FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN.

Keeps good in all climates.

"The Infant Prince has taken this Food for some months past, and thrives upon it, as a Prince should."—*Social Science Review.*

"The saving of time and trouble is of the utmost consequence. This food is a *Real Improvement* on the ordinary kinds."—*The Lancet.*

"This Food is eminently adapted to the food of Infants, being highly nourishing, and what is of the greatest consequence, of easy digestibility."—Dr. Hassall's *Analytical Report.*

"The best preparation. It resembles mother's milk as closely as possible."—Dr. Herbert Barker *on Right Food for Infants.*

IMPORTED OVERLAND.

In Tins, Cash as. 14 Credit Rs. 1 0.

SOLE AGENTS—

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

DAVE CARSON'S DRAMATIC AND BURLESQUE COMPANY WILL SHORTLY ARRIVE.

PIANOFORTE INSTRUCTION and TUNING.—Mr. John H. Willy, Pianist, Organist, and Tuner, begs respectfully to state that he will be happy to give Instruction on the Piano and Tune any Pianos that may require Tuning.

Terms.

Two Lessons per week, one hour each Lesson,
Fort, Colaba or Malabar Hill.....Rs. 29 per mensem.
Do. do. Byculla or Mazagon..... „ 15 „
Tuning Pianos ..... „ 7 „
Attending Parties either as an Accompanyist or for Dance Music ..... „ 20 „
Terms arranged with Families.

Any communication addressed to Mr. John H. Willy at his residence, No. 6 Clare Road, Byculla, will be punctually attended to.

Mr. Willy begs to state that he travelled with the celebrated Distin Family (the performers on the Saxe Horns) as Solo Pianist and Accompanyist for a period of eight years, all over England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, France, Germany, America, and Canada, and had the honor of performing with them twice before Her Majesty, once at Buckingham Palace, and once at Balmoral.

PIANOFORTE INSTRUCTION & TUNING.

Mr. John H. Willy, Pianist, Organist, and Tuner, begs respectfully to state that, being continually asked the reason why he does not continue as Musical Instructor to the Diocesan School, Byculla, takes this opportunity of informing his friends and the public that the new Head Mistress desired to have the Musical arrangements herself, and has appointed a Lady Amateur as Musical Teacher. Mr. Willy is happy to state that nearly all his Pupils who had instruction from him at the School are continuing the Lessons at their private residences, although of course at a greater expense to them. Mr. Willy is glad to state that he gave great satisfaction both to the Head Master and Mistress, and is sorry to say the latter resigned on account of failing health.

Diocesan School, Byculla, 2nd March 1869.

I hereby certify that Mr. J. H. Willy acted as Teacher of Music in the above School for six months to my entire satisfaction. He has always been most assiduous in his endeavours to secure the improvement of his Pupils and was patient in his treatment of them. He leaves the School on account of fresh arrangements which render his services unnecessary.

EDW. DU BOIS,
Head Master, Diocesan School, Byculla.

6, Clare Road, Byculla.

WINES, SPIRITS, BEER, &c.

FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned.

Messrs. Thomas Dunkin & Sons' BRANDIES.

Champagne Cognac, in 1 and 3 doz. cases, at		Rs. 22 per doz	
Vieux	„	Do.	„ 18 „
Cognac	„	Do.	„ 16 „

RENNIE, SCOVELL & Co.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

STOUTS

JUST LANDED.

		Cash. Rs. as.	Credit. Rs. as.
BARCLAY & PERKIN'S Pints per dozen		4 0	4 8
GUINNESS' Double extra	„	4 0	4 8
Do. Do. Quarts	„	6 8	7 0
WHITE & Co.'s celebrated—			
Double extra Pints	„	3 12	4 0
do. Quarts	„	6 4	6 12

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

PORTERS AND STOUTS.

(Note.—Not less than half a dozen of either Ales or Porters supplied at Cash rates.)

The Company are exclusive Agents, in this Presidency, for the Celebrated H. White & Co.'s Stout. This very superior Liquor is largely drunk in the Colonies, and preferred to every other brand. Shipments are received quarterly.

		Cash. Rs. as.	Credit. Rs. as.
Allsopp's Porter, bottled by Friend & Co.	Pts. per doz.	4 0	4 4
Do. do.	Qts. „	6 8	7 0
Barclay and Perkin's, bottled by Cameron and Sanders.	Pts. „	4 4	4 12
Do. do.	Qts. „	6 12	7 4
Guinness' Double Extra Stout, bottled by Sparks, Moline, and Co.	Pts. „	4 4	4 12
Do. do.	Qts. „	7 0	7 8
Tennent's XXX Porter	Pts. „	4 0	4 4
Do. do.	Qts. „	6 8	7 0
White and Co's London Bottled Stout	Pts. „	4 0	4 4
Do. do.	Qts. „	6 8	7 0

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

WINES, SPIRITS, BEER, &c.

PAYNE AND COMPANY.
(BOMBAY BRANCH.)
BOMBAY.
WINE MERCHANTS & REGIMENTAL AGENTS.

Offices and Sample Room—Elphinstone Circle.
(Immediately opposite the Custom House.)
GODOWNS, MARINE STREET.
ESTABLISHED IN CALCUTTA UPWARDS OF HALF A CENTURY.

Places of Business and Agencies.

Calcutta	Belatee Bungalow.
London	George Street, Mansion House.
Paris	Rue de Bonde.
Wine Districts	Coblentz.
	Moselle.
	Frankfort O. M.
	Epernay.
	Rheims.
	Bordeaux.
	Cognac.
China	Hongkong.
	Shanghai.
Manilla	Strada Philipinas.

GUARANTEE.—We wish it to be distinctly understood that in all instances we guarantee the quality and purity of our Wines and Spirits, and thus we engage to take back or exchange any that may not be approved.

QUOTATIONS.—Our quotations for Sparkling Wines are for good delivery from our Godowns, our calculations being based to guarantee the full complement of sound bottles in each case; the risk of breakage and ullage is thereby avoided by the consumer.

DELIVERIES.—Our deliveries will be in quantities of not less than 1 doz., excepting Liquors, which can be had in any quantity, sample bottles may be had, and to the purchasers of 6 dozens and upwards there will be no charge made for the same.

OUR LONDON & BORDEAUX HOUSES.—Those of our friends desiring to indent direct on our London and Bordeaux houses can be supplied at home quotations.

CASH DEPARTMENT.—We would direct special attention to our cash quotations, which we have found so successful in Calcutta, whereby our friends derive all the advantages of a cash transaction, by obtaining their Wines at the very lowest remunerative prices. All orders to the Cash Department should be accompanied by a Remittance, in the absence of which they will be transferred to the Credit Department for execution at credit rates.

ADULTERATIONS.—We take the liberty of mentioning that there is a vast quantity of adulterated Wines shipped to this country which are offered at somewhat lower prices than those at which we can afford to sell pure ones; still we are assured that good wines will stand their ground when fairly tested. Those parties, however, who vend "made up" wines act very injurious to the fair trader, and bring discredit on the merchant generally.

CHAMPAGNE.

Our Reserves are held at Epernay, Rheims, and Avizes.

32	0	Cordon Bleu—brand, anchor, Payne & Co. Epernay, a pure, light dry Wine, suitable for Tiffin, or Evening Parties, and will make a good Cup	28 0
39	0	Light Dry Sillery, more body and a rich flavour of the Epernay grape. A good wholesome Wine	35 0
39	0	Grand Vin D'Ay—layne & Co.'s Epernay, a pale straw colored, good bouquet, and very mellow and dry	35 0
42	0	Silver Neck, with * star,)—a pale elegant Wine, from the vineyards of Rheims—brand, Payne & Co., Rheims	38 0
41	0	Gold Neck, with * star)—brand, Payne & Co., Rheims, same quality as above, but extra dry	38 0
42	0	Gold Neck, No. 2, 1864 vintage, very lucious and dry, a good Dinner Wine	39 0
45	0	Gold Neck, with ** (double star)—brand, Payne & Co., Rheims. This Wine has been selected from one of the first Cuvées of '65 vintage, and will be found very dry, full of aroma, and as a vintage Wine it is unequalled. It is the most delicate and fine Wine ever imported into this country	40 0
45	0	Silver Neck with ** (double star)—brand, Payne & Co., Rheims, same Cuvée as above, but not so dry	40 0

Pints.—We have the above also in Pints, Price Rs. 3-0 extra per case of two dozen.

N. B.—The demand has been so great for our Gold and Silver Neck one and two Star Champagne that we have ordered a quantity to be sent overland and may be looked for at the end of April. We have also a shipment in the "Medes" via the Cape, also due in April. Orders registered to await arrival.

The double Magnums of Champagne have all been disposed of. We have Single Magnums of a very Fine Vintage and quite dry. Price 42-0 per case. Pint for Overland Passengers Rs. 2-0 per dozen.

SPARKLING MOSELLES.

The whole of our Hocks and Moselles are imported direct from our Agency at Coblentz, where we have a fine stock of first-class Wines.

Credit.			Cash.
36	0	Crown Brand, fine Sparkling, highly recommended	32 0
37	0	Ditto—brand, Payne & Co., Coblentz	34 0
44	0	Ditto Nonpareil, extra superior	39 0

Pints—of the above, Rs. 3-0 extra per case of two dozen.

SHERRIES.

The whole of our Sherries are imported by us direct from Xerez; the following are the Brands we have always in stock:—

Credit.		Mark.	Seal.	Quality & Peculiarity	Cash.
20	0	B		Red—A pale full flavoured Dinner or Luncheon Wine	18 0
20	0	A		Red—Similar quality to the above, but much drier	20 0
26	0	C		Red—A Pale, rich flavoured Wine, fine Aroma, particularly suitable as a Dinner Wine	22 0
27	0		1	White—Pale, delicate and nutty Wine possessing great delicacy of flavour, and recommended as a good Dessert Wine	24 0
30	0		2	White—Old natural pale dry Wine extremely mellow and fine, and very dry, quite the Amontillado character	27 0
32	0		3	White—Ditto, ditto, also very dry	29 0
33	0		4	White—Vine de Pasto, a Wine well known at all the best West-end Clubs in London; a choice, old, delicate, pale and dry Wine	30 0
33	0			Amontillado, very pale delicate flavour, very dry and full of aroma. We offer it to the connoisseur who can appreciate the characteristics of a fine Amontillado; very old	31 0
36	0			Manzanilla, a pale, old, and elegant Wine, very choice. We offer it to those who can appreciate the extremely delicate flavour and dryness peculiar to this Wine; it will be found an excellent tonic, and invalids may drink it with perfect safety	32 0

MADEIRA.

Madeira, fine old choice East India Madeira, full flavoured and good bouquet. We offer it to the connoisseur who can appreciate the character of this Wine, 9 years in bottle | 45 0

PORT.

Imported direct from Oporto, where our Reserves are held; they are the sole produce of the Upper Douro.

Credit.			Cash.
18	0	(One Grapes,) a full bodied fruity Wine	16 0
24	0	(Two Grapes,) a superb full flavoured Wine, very mellow, a good After-Dinner Wine	21 0
30	0	(Three Grapes,) a fine Invalid Port, it possesses a Burgundy flavour with a fine bouquet and good body	27 0

CLARETS.

Our Clarets reach us direct from our Bordeaux house, where we have always a reserve of Two or Three Hundred Hogsheads of Good Vintage Wines. This gives us advantages over houses who have to depend upon the market and are necessarily obliged to draw their supplies from second and third hands.

Credit.			Cash.
15	0	Payne's Medoc	13 0
15	0	Breakfast Claret	13 0
17	0	Saint Julien	15 0
20	0	Batailley	18 0
20	0	Beychevelle	18 0
20	0	Chateau Larose	18 0
34	0	Chateau Lafitte	28 0
30	0	Chateau Latour	26 0
34	0	Chateau Margaux	28 0

SPIRITS, LIQUORS, &c.

20	0	Fine Cordial Gin, labelled Payne & Co	18 0
22	0	Payne's Cream of the Valley, White Capsule. This is the purest and finest Gin shipped	20 0
		Hollands Gin	
20	0	Whiskey, Scotch	18 0
22	0	Whiskey, Irish	20 0
20	0	Orange Bitters	17 0
22	0	Jamaica Rum	20 0
20	0	Ginger Wine	17 0
20	0	Cherry Brandy	18 0
22	0	Vermouth	19 0

DUTCH LIQUEURS.

32	0	Noyeau, Parfait Amour, Curaço, Vanille, Chartreuse, Jemal Rose, Raspail...per doz. assorted.	28 0

SPARKLING HOCKS.

38	0	Crown Brand, fine Sparkling, highly recommended	34 0
45	0	Ehrenbreitstein, pale and elegant	40 0

Our quotations for Sparkling Wines are for good delivery from our Godowns, our calculations being based to guarantee the full complement of sound bottles in each case, the risk of breakage and ullage is thereby avoided by the consumer.

BRANDIES.

We keep a reserve of two or three hundred Hogsheads of Brandy in bond in the London Vaults, which are allowed to mature before bottling; this enables us to keep up the character quality of our own brands.

Credit.			Cash.
29	0	Pure Pale Brandy, Gold Vine Leaf	27 0
32	0	* Ditto ditto Green Vine Leaf	29 0
45	0	Cognac Highest Vintage, 20 years old	40 0

* This pure Pale Brandy is demonstrated upon analysis to be peculiarly free from acidity, and very superior to the usual importations of Veritable Cognac. It is equal to any first-class brand shipped to this market.

N.B.—We recommend the Green Vine Leaf as a fine and moderately priced Brandy. Rs. 29 per dozen.

PAYNE AND COMPANY,
BOMBAY.
ESTABLISHED IN CALCUTTA UPWARDS OF HALF A CENTURY.

WINES, SPIRITS, BEER, &c.

PAYNE AND COMPANY.

FIVE GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS AWARDED TO US AT THE AGRA EXHIBIT

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Market steady. Enquiries for Colabas and Elphinstones at 1,310 and 835.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Subscribed Capital.	Nomt. of sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Rate per Share.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs. p. a.			
1,000,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	126
2,140,000	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1675
2,000,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	1552½
3,750,000	1,000	all	7½ p.c.	Ditto of Madras	1550
750,000	250	all	6 p. c.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of I. L. & China	300
700,000	200	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of L. & C.	300
1,000,000	500	250	8 do.	Delhi and London	200
1,000,000	250	125	8 do.	National Bank of India	126
500,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	415½

SHIPPING COMPANIES.

500,000	5,000	3,500	1,300	Bombay Ship Co. 1195

LAND COMPANY.

1,120,000	3,000	all	Rs. 80	Colaba Land Company	1,310
1,000,000	1,000	all	Rs. 30	Elphinstone Land	835
2,080,000	1,000	200	„ 11-14	Do. New	425
2,000,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	Frere Land	75
100,000	5,000	4,100	Nil	Masagon Land	785
...	2,000	1,300	Nil	Port Canning	300

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

1,000,000	5,200	1,750	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	380
800,000	3,500	2,300	...	B'bay & Bengal S. S.	400
...	3,500	2,111	...	Iron Shipping	10
...	all	...	...	Victoria Spinning	2000
260,000	all	350	300	Bombay Coast	175

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.		Rate.
London Banks	6 months' sight.		2s. 0 1d.
Do. Credits	6	Do. do.	2s. 0¼d. to 2s. 0 7/16d.
Do. Documents	6	Do. do.	2s. 0¼d. to 2s. 0¼d.
Calcutta	At sight.		99½
Do.	60	Do. do.	98¾
Madras	30	Do. do.	99
China	60	Do. do.	217 nom.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	113½
Five per cent.	108 to 108½
Four per cent.	94
Five per cent. (Public Works Loan)	105
Five per cent. Debenture Loan 1866-67	103½
15 years' Debenture Loans	103½
10 years' do. do.	107
5 years' do. do.	103½
Six per cent. Municipal Loan	99

BANK OF BOMBAY

Government Securities	8 per cent
Mercantile Bills	10 per cent.

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns each	Rs.	10-6
Bank of England Notes	„	10-4
Carolus	„	290
Mexican Dollars	„	220
Five-Franc Pieces	„	222
Bar Silver	„	106-6
Gold Leaf	„	15-1
Bar Gold 10 oz. English	„	16-7-6

BANK RETURNS.

BANK OF MADRAS.

Statement of Affairs on 24th March, 1869.

Liabilities.	Rs.	a.	p.
Capital	56,25,000	0	0
Public Deposits at Head Office	43,21,062	6	5
Public Deposits at Branches	32,94,071	8	4
	81,15,083	14	9
Other Deposits at Head Office and Branches	70,54,896	2	1
Cash Credits undrawn do.	3,40,758	11	5
Bank Notes outstanding	235	0	0
Post Bills	1,60,390	12	3
Reserve Fund	5,62,500	0	0
Rest	1,31,744	4	0
Rupees	219,90,893	12	6

Assets.			
Silver and Notes at Head Office	19,00,206	3	10
Silver and Notes at Branches	77,94,436	9	0
	96,94,642	12	10
Govt. Securities	6,97,634	5	2
Govt. Reserve, Cash	23,21,062	6	5
Securities			
	23,21,062	6	5
Loans at Head Office and Branches	22,54,440	13	8
Accounts of Credit at Head Office and Branches	6,66,735	0	0
Mercantile Bills discounted at Head Office and Branches	44,45,817	7	3
Dead Stock at Head Office and Branches	2,37,980	4	4
Bills of Exchange do.	13,05,708	2	8
Due by other Banks	3,77,412	7	2
Rupees	219,90,893	12	6

BRIGADE ORDERS.

By Brigadier General R. Pratt, C.B., Commanding Poona Brigade.

Poona, 3rd April, 1869.

Thursday is to be considered the holiday for the ensuing week.

The weekly committee for the ensuing week will be as follows:—President—Captain Cunning, 59th Foot. Members—One subaltern 59th Foot, one subaltern, 3rd Light Cavalry.

[illegible] in the cantonment are [illegible] leave of absence [illegible] Regiment for 8 days.

[illegible] Colonel Thompson, of which Regiment he is Field Officer, [illegible] Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, of which Regiment he is Field Officer, [illegible] Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, of which Regiment he is Field Officer, [illegible] nant Colonel Thompson, of which Regiment he is Field Officer, [illegible] dent, is adjourned.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—APRIL 6.

Grant, Lieutenant, Madras Staff Corps, from England.
Theobalds, Surgeon, 16th Regiment M. N. I., on leave, from Bellary.
Tapp, Major General, Staff, on leave, from Ahmedabad.
Murray, Lieutenant, Pay Master General Depot, on leave, from Poona.
Farrer, Captain, 2nd Madras Light Cavalry, on leave, from Ellichpoor.

DEPARTURES.—APRIL 6.

Rustomjee Byramjee, Surgeon, on duty, to Kurrachee.
Theobalds, Surgeon, 16th Regiment M. N. I., on leave, to Poona.
Wilson, Lieutenant, 91st Light Infantry, on leave, to Liverpool, (gone on the 3rd instant.)
Rowle, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on leave, to Goa.
Doran, Lieutenant Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, to join, to Bareilly.
Ogilvie, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, to join, to Bareilly.
Candy, Assistant Surgeon, 109th Regiment, on medical certificate, to England.
Goldie, Lieutenant, Madras Staff Corps, on leave, to Ootacamund.

GARRISON ORDERS.

By Brigadier General Stock, Commanding the Garrison.

Bombay, 6th April, 1869.

The following copy of circular memo. No. 602B of the 5th instant, from the Quarter Master General of the Army, is published for information:—

"All Commanding Officers employed in the construction of lines are hereby warned that their accounts will be subjected to audit, and that their cash accounts with such vouchers as they can furnish will be required with the certificate of the completion of the lines when finished."

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—6TH APRIL.

London	Cotton	£1 15s. 0d. to £2-0-0 per ton.	
	Seeds	£1 0s. 0d. Nominal.	„
Liverpool	Cotton	£1 10s. 0d. to £2 0s. 0d.	„
	Seeds	£1 0s. 0d. Nominal.	
Overland	Cotton	£7 5s. 0d. to £7 10s. p. 40 c. ft.	
China	Sailing vessel Cotton	Nominal.	
	Steamer do.	Rs. 8 to 10 per bale.	
	Opium	Rs. 20 to 25 per chest	
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 4 to 5 per ton	
Mauritius	Grain	12 annas per bag.	

ARRIVALS.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
6	General Havelock (s)	Robinson	Cochin, March 30.
	Strathbane	Poe	Glasgow, Dec. 8.

DEPARTURES.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
6	Indian Chief	Smith	Liverpool.
	Phlox (s)	Baker	Malabar Coast & Goa.
	May Queen	Ross	Liverpool.
	Aftenstjernen	Evensen	Akyab.
	Chacma	Sharpe	Havre.
	Alice	Form	Penang.
	Martaban (s)	Hibbert	Malabar Coast and Calcutta
	General Outram (s)	Teasdale	Cochin.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—
Ship De Courcey, Griffiths, to Callao.
Ship Benefactress, Gibbs, to Galle.
Brig D. Letchmy, Nacoda, to Negapatam.
Ship Tirrell, Morgan, to Amherst.
Ship Rance, Roullier, to Malabar Coast.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Mahratta, to Kurrachee.
Steamer Ellora, to Aden and Suez.
Ship Elentheria, to Liverpool.
Ship Dilharree, to London via Havre.
Ship Bavelaw, to Liverpool.

REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.

GALLE, 6th, 6-40 A.M.—Mail steamer "Emeu," from China, anchored at 6-15 A.M.

GWADUR, 6th, 10-5 A.M.—H. M.'s steamer "Earl Canning" in sight from Ormara.

GALLE, 5th, 10-9 A.M.—Mail steamer "Mooltan," from Suez, anchored at 9-50 A.M.

KURRACHEE, 6th, 12-30 P.M.—Steamer "Abyssinia," with Gulf mails, arrived from Gwadur at 10 P.M. last night.

CALCUTTA.

DEPARTURES.

April				
1	Far East (s)			
	Simla (s)			
	Kenyon			
	Solway			

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 31			
	Sainte Luce	Asdan	Pondicherry.
	Denis T.	Closte	Pondicherry.
	Rajah of Cochin	from London in sight.	

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 6th, 11-55 A.M.—Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Constantinople; Persian line interrupted to Ispahan. Latest dates Great Britain, via Turkey, 3rd April, via Russia, 29th March.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAMS.

The following are the dates of private telegrams received at the Bombay Telegraph Office during the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday evening:

From United Kingdom, via Turkey, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th April.

From Continent of Europe, via Turkey, 3rd April.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 5th April to 8 P.M. of the 6th April is as follows:—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	6 53	0 1
„ Calcutta	17 19	1 1
„ Madras	2 49	1 50

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect.

ADVERTISING AT RAILWAY STATIONS.

THE Proprietor of the "Bombay Gazette" Press having leased (among other privileges) from the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company, the exclusive right of advertising at all the Railway Stations belonging to these two Companies, is prepared to contract with parties desirous of posting Notices or Advertisements on the lines.

The announcements may be in English or in any of the Native languages.

The advantages which Railway Stations present as a means of bringing intimations of all kinds before the public have been demonstrated in England by the extensive use which is made by Advertisers, of every station, great and small, along ever line in the United Kingdom.

Insurance Companies, Shipping Companies, Hotel Keepers, Merchants, Traders, and others who wish to force their business on the notice of the public, all alike value the privilege of Railway Station Advertising.

There is no reason why the privilege should not be also specially valuable to Advertisers in India. Looking to the great and increasing number of Native Railway passengers on the two trunk lines of Western India, native merchants, traders, &c. (seeing that they have the privilege of advertising in their own language), Advertisers would find the publication of their announcements at Railway Stations a decided means of extending their business.

Placards, according to the taste of Advertisers, may be printed at the "Bombay Gazette" Press.

Advertisers can select the Stations, on either line, at which they wish their Placards posted, and may advertise for any period that may be agreed on. The charges have been fixed on an extremely moderate scale to encourage Advertisers to make a liberal use of this new means now offered of making announcements known to the public.

Terms of Advertising may be learned on application to the Manager, "Bombay Gazette" Press.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

MARRIAGE.

HEWETT—HUNTER—On the 6th inst., at Christ's Church, Byculla, by the Reverend C. T. Wilson, Lieutenant Colonel W. Selwood Hewett, Assistant Adjutant General M.D.A., to Elizabeth Maxwell, eldest daughter of W. Forsyth Hunter, Esq.

MADRAS

BIRTH.

BRETT—March 27th, at Perambore, the wife of Surgeon Major J. Brett, 17th Regiment M. N. I., of a son.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES

DEATH.

ESPINASSE—March 29th, at Jubbulpore, Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Espinasse, Commanding Her Majest y's 2-12th Regiment, aged 44 years and 9 months.

The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1869.

THE latest meeting of the Bench of Justices suggests very painful reflections. Indeed if we could imagine the Government to have been waiting for a final reason to clinch the multitudinous arguments in favour of thorough Inquiry, we should say that the meeting of Monday abundantly supplied all that they needed. What happened? After long delay the Government had replied to the wise resolution of January, and the letter was formally before the Bench. In the absence of any legally constituted medium, the Chairman and the Finance Committee—itself a tolerated body—had taken the trouble to draft a rejoinder complying with the request of the Government. By doing this they acted wisely, saved the time of the Bench, and served the public. But no sooner had the terms of the official communication been read by the Clerk than Mr. Wood, without waiting for any explanation from the Chairman, started up, assumed, as he confessed, that nothing had been done, and moved the appointment of a committee to frame a reply. What could be more irregular? And when Mr. Scoble had stated that the Finance Committee had drafted a letter—a letter by the way to which no one made any material objection—did Mr. Wood acknowledge that his public spirit had made him over-hasty, and withdraw his proposal? Not at all. He left it before the Bench, and it was the fruitful parent of a rambling discussion, which served no purpose except to demonstrate that the Bench is an inorganic body of independent atoms having no cohesion whatever. The proper business-like course would have been to have taken the clauses of the letter seriatim, a process which would have enabled each Justice to express his views, if he had any. But because no committee had been expressly appointed and instructed to draw up a letter, the genius of formality stepped in, and prevailed, with no other result than that of either confusing the simplicity of the question at issue, or wasting time. We will not say that a slight was put on the Finance Committee, because no slight was intended, but the effect is just the same, because, practically, the pooh-poohing of the draft is tantamount to [illegible] the Committee which is least ignorant of the subject is the least competent to frame a general reply to the Government. Could the working of the Municipal Act, [illegible] rent Bench, be more? [illegible] we feel bound to say [illegible] well have [illegible] tested the *real* [illegible] of the Bench by pressing his, or rather Mr. Connon's, motion to a division. They could but have been defeated, and the effect would not have been worse than withdrawal.

After all what is really wanted? Nothing but a simple letter stating broadly the proved defects of the system—especially the obscurity and confusion in the finances—emphatically requesting a thorough inquiry into the whole condition of the Municipality, and pointing out that the Justices could not suggest remedies before they, as well as the Government, had been enlightened by the report of the proposed Commission. Is it so difficult to draft a reply of that nature? No. An adequate reply was drafted; time would have been saved by adopting it; but such a simple and natural proceeding would have been too far removed from pure formality; and consequently it was abhorrent to the minds of those who affect to believe that the Bench is a little Parliament. Meanwhile these monthly exhibitions serve one purpose—they distract attention from the authority really responsible for the discreditable condition of the Municipality—the Government of Bombay. Some day perhaps—when, for instance, a new loan of Ten or Fifteen Lakhs is demanded, and when the Grain Tax is doubled—the Government will awake to the truth and will act with the resolution and energy which should have characterized its conduct last October—but did not. In due time, after we have all paid smartly, it will be found that Indian communities cannot be governed on principles hostile to our tenure of power, and least of all governed by shams, of which the Municipality of Bombay affords so painful an example.

THE latest papers we have before us, in regard to the proceedings of the recently appointed Sanitary Commissioners, are a memorandum from Dr. Planck, the Sanitary Commissioner of the North Western Provinces Government, and another from Dr. Townsend, the Sanitary Commissioner for the Central Provinces and the Berars. Both papers are on the general subject of the means to be adopted for the preservation of the health of towns and villages, and both are so strikingly alike, as well in the preparatory remarks as in the recommendations made, that one might almost suppose them to have been written by one and the same officer. Both officers start by repeating the oft-told tale that the air and water are the two principal channels by which disease and death invade the native hearth, and both agree that if towns and villages were so built as to allow full ventilation, and the sources of water supply were so cared for as to secure pure water, fever, cholera, and the like would find no local habitation, would be starved out, and would leave the people in full possession of health and of swarming families. Now all this is perfectly true, and not truer than old. We meanno disparagement to either of the learned gentlemen mentioned, but there can be very little doubt that the memorada put forward by them contain no important original observations. No remarks are made that every district medical officer is not already aware of, or that could not, by their instrumentality, and that of the administrative officials, be given practical effect to on the very largest scale if the requisite funds were forthcoming. We look upon the appointment of Sanitary Commissioners for each Presidency and Province as a superfluty, at all events at the present charge. They each cost at least a quarter of a lakh a year, and yet they are unable to propose any system of sanitation worth the cost of their appointments, that can be given effect to without very large outlay. Such measures as are proposed, namely, the cleaning of wells, attention to drainage, fumigation of houses, demarcation of ordure fields, are no doubt highly useful; but when once rules on these elementaty points are laid down, almost all has been done that can be done, and the permanent expenditure for the support of a special Sanitary Commissioners becomes a perfect waste of money. The tendency of Government in the present day towards special departments cannot but be pronounced exceedingly wasteful. No improvement seems practicable unless a special department be first organized. This is a sufficiently noticeable evil, but what is still more remarkable is, that not only are new and expensive forces thus brought into play, but that old and effete ones are allowed to continue burdening the Exchequer. Thus with Cotton Commissioners we have Boards of Revenue, and with Divisional Commissioners Inspectors of Jails. What is there done by a Cotton Commissioner that could not, and ought not, to be done by the Board of Revenue? And what is there so very formidable in a jail as to call for the appointment of a special officer to study the best means for its administration? The expense of these special appointments is not limited to the amount originally set aside by Government for them. Each such special officer seeks every means of enlarging his duties and encroaching upon other departments, until, for example, we find the mere *Inspectors* of Jails working into Officers *administering* the Jails. In course of time they gather round them Establishments, increase their contingent expenses, and finally appropriating the powers of the Divisional Commissioner, worry District Officers for statements, and returns, and information, till the administrative coach is well-nigh stopped. Such is the power now exercised from above, that the miserable executives below, to whom no additional aid is allowed, are driven to render incorrect returns and undigested reports. The State contemplates with entire gratification, the stars of greater magnitude with which it thus bespangles its Empire. One lamp after another is lit up, without our Rulers feeling the smallest compunction as to the cost of the arrangement, or asking a simple question as to the necessity or purpose of all this brilliant display. To our minds, it would amply suffice to retain the services of the one Sanitary Commissioner for India, letting instructions issue from his office to Divisional Commissioners, from them to the District Officers, and from these again to the several Local and Municipal Commissioners. Upon occasion, it would of course be necessary specially to depute a Medical Officer to particular localities to moderate the venom of epidemics by seasonable measures. This would afford the means of discovering whether the instructions of the Sanitary Commissioner had been neglected or not; and if moreover the operations of District Officers, in connection with sanitation, were treated of in a separate section of the Annual Administration Report of each Division, it could be periodically determined whether sufficient preventive steps were being taken by the several Local Governments.

If the expenditure of Government were thus dealt with, we venture to think that, whilst full efficiency would be secured the Annual Budget deficit would disappear. Is it, or is it not, a fact that the new Department of Sanitation is costing us at the present time but little under two lakhs without our depriving, or being likely to derive, any commensurate results? The publication of scrap papers such as we have under notice is a mere trifle, but the repetition of them is a farce; and if such papers be admitted as showing the active efforts of Sanitary Commissioners their minutes must soon become what Dr. Cumming's works for the most part are—mere evolutions of one idea.

HAS there been any change in the external policy of the Indian Government? The question is one of considerable interest to all parties. Our daily contemporary, founding himself generally on his knowledge of the Viceroy's intentions, and specifically in the reply of Mr. Grant Duff, roundly declares that no change has been made and that "no further step is intended." Now we cannot boast any knowledge of the interior resolves of the Viceroy and the Secretary of State, but being able to read the English language we can say that, although Mr. Grant Duff threw some light on the past he threw none whatever on the future. In order to show the correctness of our statement we reprint what took place in the House of Commons on the 9th of March:—

[illegible] the Under-Secretary of [illegible] was that the Indian [illegible] subsidy was [illegible] conditions were attached thereto.

Mr. Grant Duff [illegible] in compliance with a request for assistance [illegible] the Ameer of Afghanistan, [illegible] the late Viceroy gave [illegible] lakhs of rupees, and [illegible] Ameer a present of [illegible] him, however, [illegible] circumstances [illegible] should be [illegible] before reached his Treasury. The late Viceroy sent [illegible] ment at Jubbulpore. The deceased officer had been suffering from small pox, but it was supposed, says the "Jubbulpore Chronicle," that on Saturday and Sunday he was very much better, and his demise on Monday was therefore somewhat unexpected. The remains of the deceased were interred on Tuesday morning with the usual military honors, all the military, and a large number of the civil, residents of the station being present on the occasion. The melancholy event put a stop to sundry gay parties that were to have been given on Monday night. The following is a memo. of the deceased officer's military services:—

"Gazetted to 2-12th Foot as Ensign 30th April. Purchased his Lieutenancy on the 18th August 1843. Promoted Captain without purchase on 24th June 1850, and purchased Majority on 22nd October 1861. Appointed Local Lieut. Colonel on 30th April 1868, on completion of 26 years service.

"He had always been in the 2-12th Regiment, and served with it for nearly 5 years at the Mauritius and for 8 years at the Cape of Good Hope. Served with the Reserve Battalion in the Kaffir War of 1851-2-3, as Captain, and was mentioned in General Orders by Sir G. Cathcart for gallant and 'distinguished conduct when engaged against a party of rebel Hottentots in the Fish River Bush when in command of a detachment on 8th January 1853."

The "Delhi Gazette" says "Colonel Walter of the 35th will be shortly at Jubbulpore, to take command of the 2-12th," and adds "this is the fourth or fifth officer that the 2-12th have lost by small-pox or cholera at Jubbulpore; the last was also a commanding officer, Colonel Ponsonby, who from exposure to wet while selecting some cholera encampments, caught the disease and was rapidly carried off."

MAJOR ASHBURNER, Deputy Commissioner, Chindwara, has proceeded to Bombay to take part in the trial of Mr. Berwick of the Forest Department who has been arraigned before the High Court, Bombay, charged under section 376 of the Indian Penal Code. The prisoner, accompanied by two European constables, and the native doctor, who is to give evidence in the case, passed through the station yesterday, (2nd) *en route* for Bombay.—*Central India Times.*

AN interesting point has been raised in the High Court of Madras, in connection with the arrest, by a native bailiff, of a Christian, against whom he held a warrant. Contrary (says the *Madras Times*) to what has hitherto been considered the law on the point, it is alleged that the bailiff made good his capture by jumping over a railed door, and that on Good Friday, on which day the debtor holds he was as free from arrest as on a Sunday.

WE learn from the Calcutta papers that a meeting was to be held there on Monday last to attempt to revive the old Calcutta Hunt. "All old residents," says the "Englishman," "who recollect the hunt when Henry Byant Crawford and other excellent sportsmen officiated as masters, should be glad to support an institution that has formerly afforded them good sport, and we have no doubt that the juniors, who have seen what Messrs. Cook and Co.'s hounds have done this and last season, will also come forward in numbers large enough to enable a first rate pack to be purchased."

THE shipments last year, of gold from Europe to the East, amounted to £4,242,263; of silver, £3,249,916. This includer China, Alexandria, Mauritius, Yokohama, Batavia, &c., &c., and even Australia. To the latter the shipment of gold was nominal, £13; to Alexandria it was £4,783,916 (probably including Abyssinia); China received £40,645; and India absorbed, gold £1,141,036, and silver £2,110,144. The amount drawn by the Secretary of State by bills on Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras was—Calcutta £4,477,700, Bombay *nil*, Madras £444,800—total £4,922,500.

A TERRIBLE and wholesale murder was perpetrated (says the "Central India Times" of Saturday) last week in the Mundla district. It appears that of a party of natives, consisting of two men, one woman, two boys, and one infant, the man, the woman, and one of the boys were found murdered on the bank of a nuddee near Pindye. The infant and one of the boys were seriously injured, but hopes are entertained of their recovery. The victims were robbed of money, but their goods, consisting of about twenty bullock loads of hemp, &c., were lef intact. We are informed that the victims' skulls were smashed in, but no wounds were found on their bodies, so that it would appear the unfortunate victims were murdered whilst asleep. The murderers are unknown.

Among the late raids by the Looshais began, perhaps there were few officers in India who knew more about the whole of the wild tribes inhabiting the Chittagong and Assam Hill tracts than Captain T. H. Lewin, who was for many years Deputy Commissioner of the Chittagong Hill districts. Later events [illegible] have attracted public attention to these districts, and Captain Lewin's knowledge has proved of considerable use. During his incumbency as Deputy Commissioner, Captain Lewin prepared a work upon the Hill tribes and the country, to which he proposed to add photographs illustrating their different costumes and peculiarities. He also prepared three handbooks on the Hill Arracanese, Tippera, and Kookie or Loshai languages. These were submitted to Government through the Commissioner of Chittagong with a recommendation that they should be printed as a Selection from the records of the Government of Bengal, and the thanks of the Government accorded to Captain Lewin. Unfortunately, before any decision could be come to, Captain Lewin was obliged to take leave to England on account of ill health. It has now been decided to forward the manuscripts to the Secretary of State for India, with a suggestion that they should be printed at the Government expense, Captain Lewin's services being made use of to correct the proofs.—*Englishman.*

DEPARTURE OF THE AMEER AND THE VICEROY FROM UMBALLA.

(BY TELEGRAM FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

UMBALLA, 5TH APRIL, 1-30 P.M.

THE Ameer left by rail for Peshawur at a quarter past six o'clock this morning.

The Viceroy left for Saharunpore at nine this morning.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, 3RD APRIL.

IN the House of Commons last night Mr. Grant Duff, replying to Colonel Sykes, said that the Council of India contemplated a reduction in the charge for unemployed field officers in India.

It is stated that Turkey and Persia have agreed to refer their differences to a mixed commission.

In a debate that took place yesterday in the Corps Legislatif on the French Budget, M. Rouher dwelt upon the earnest endeavour of the Government to preserve peace, and said that if there was any danger of disturbances it proceeded from speeches, weakening domestic institutions and thereby lowering respect abroad.

SPEECH OF LORD STANLEY.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE THE VICEROY OF EGYPT.

LONDON, 5TH APRIL.

Lord Stanley, in a speech on the occasion of his installation as Rector of the University of Glasgow, said that notwithstanding gloomy prognostications, he looked forward hopefully to the maintenance of peace in Europe. Regarding the Irish Church Question, he said alterations were desirable, but that the endowment of the Church should not be wholly swept away, merely to establish the theory of religious equality. He had no hope that the decision of Parliament would be reserved, but thought something might be saved by leniency towards the Fenians.

A plot to assassinate the Viceroy of Egypt by placing an explosive machine under the box of His Highness in the theatre, has been discovered.

It is authoritatively stated that Mr. Montley has been selected for the post of American Minister in England.

Latest advices from Spain state that the Council of Ministers at Madrid have resolved upon Ferdinand of Portugal's candidature for the throne.

[BY INDIAN TELEGRAPH.]

THE CHINA MAIL.

GALLE, 6TH APRIL, 6-40 A.M.

THE mail steamer *Emeu*, from China, anchored at 6-15.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR arrived at Poona from Mahableshwur on Monday afternoon en route to Bombay.

THE "Poona Observer" understands that Mr. Charles Gordon Kemball, of the Bombay Civil Service, and Judge and Session Judge of Surat, will be appointed Judge and Session Judge of Poona, and Agent for the Sirdars in the Deccan, in the room of Mr. Lloyd, who becomes a Judge of the High Court.

By way of preparation for the Viceroy's visit to Hurdwar, elephants were collected there in large numbers for a grand tiger battue.

BESIDES the handsome presents from the Viceroy, the Ameer has received from the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab an entire set of camp equipage, three Arab stallions, a varied selection of coloured velvets, laces, ostrich feathers, a handsome Cashmere shawl, and a number of elegant carriage clocks, for which His Highness has a great liking. The total value of these separate presents exceeds Rs. 20,000.

SHERE ALI KHAN is said to be so pleased with the European style of buildings in India that he has asked the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab to get him the design of a small palace for himself in Cabul; and the Delhi paper believes that the Executive Engineer there—Mr. E. J. Martin—has been applied to for the plans. The Cabul Chief has, moreover, expressed his firm belief that he will be able to construct the building in Cabul for about half the estimated cost of such a work under the P. W. D. in our territory.

THE audacity of the true loafer has no limits. A European gave himself up the other day to the military authorities at Madras as a deserter from H. M.'s 2-24th Regiment, and was immediately taken charge of and confined in the main guard. On communicating with the commandant of the regiment it was discovered that the European was nothing but a "loafer." He was instantly released—but surely it would have been better to let him have a few stripes under a magistrate's orders before he was allowed to go.

WE regret to record the death, on Monday the 29th March, of Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Espinasse, Commanding Her Majesty's 2-12th Regi[illegible]

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF BOMBAY.

LETTER II.

WITH what curiosity does the new-arrived Englishman scan his future home, which, perchance, some friend has hired for his occupation! Everything is so different to his last abode; the absence of fire places and chimney pieces, the array of venetian shutters, and scarcity of glass, are novelties to his pre-conceived notions of comfort and happiness. Then he experiences a new sensation, as for the first time he tucks himself up under the mosquito curtain, fancying all kinds of ill are going to happen, and feeling like a newly-caught and imprisoned specimen of humanity. Sometime must elapse before he can make up his mind to see without a shudder the various kinds of lizards crawling up the walls of the bungalow, or get reconciled to the shrill note of the muskrat as he whisks about the adjoining verandah, or suffers himself to be lulled to sleep by the chirping of the grasshoppers, or the buzzing of the mosquitoes as, thirsting for his blood, they try (happily in vain) to find entrance through an interstice of the curtain. Nor is this all: the nerves of the newcomer receive frequently a shock from his bare-footed servants, suddenly appearing before him when least expected, their noiseless tread enabling them to glide about unperceived; while the absence of bells and knockers, and the inability of making himself understood by his attendants, makes him feel his utter helplessness. His dinner, however, generally puts him in good humour again and tends to dissipate the melancholy longing for home which came stealing over him; for here, in his adopted home, he certainly gets better cooking, if not equally good food than in his native country. Both Portuguese and natives seem by nature to be born cooks, and their ordinary soups and made dishes would not disgrace the table of an English nobleman possessing a perfect treasure of a highly-priced professed cook. The raw material, from having been so recently killed, is naturally tough and hard; indeed, it is better not to ask how recently the fowl you are carving was running about the compound alive and well. This brings to my remembrance a subject which made a most painful impression upon my mind, as it must to all persons not accustomed to tropical temperature. I allude to the burial of a friend so very quickly following upon his decease, and the absence of all mourning habiliments adds a poignancy to the grief which it is difficult to describe.

But to change the subject, and to pass from domestic matters, I think a stranger cannot but be struck with the goodness of the gas which is consumed in Bombay; its light is much whiter, clearer, and far more brilliant than that consumed in London, though the lamps in the last-named place are placed at much less distances from each other. Doubtless the different state of the atmosphere, in the relative places, will partly account for the superiority of the gas in Bombay, but it cannot do so entirely. The handsome public gas standard lamps in various parts of the town are in several instances extremely tasteful; but the surrounding native shops and houses serve to show the contrast between ancient and modern art more vividly than otherwise would be the case. The price of gas is high, even taking into consideration the cost of coal and manufacture. Perhaps when it is more generally used and a serious opposition is offered by the starting of a rival company, it may then become cheaper than it is at present. A stranger is constantly asking himself this question, as he goes about the different bazaars—why do the natives of India ask one price for an article and take another? The one rule of dealing common among all natives must tend greatly to lessen the respect they would otherwise receive from Europeans. Take for instance, the letting of a house—why should a native ask a much greater rent than he intends to take? Then, when he declares he will do nothing further, no repairs, no painting, &c., habitually ends in doing all that is desired? Surely this line of conduct cannot be too strongly condemned and repudiated by the exceptions, if there are any, among the native gentlemen. This should be done at once, and a system of fair dealing introduced and vigorously enforced. This sad trait in the character of the native is still more conspicuously seen in retail transactions. For instance, go into a furniture shop and pick out a table; you are asked an exorbitant price; you say it is too much; the vendor declares with much gesticulation that he gave so much for it, that he shall only gain so many annas profit, and finally ends by letting you have it for less than he said he gave for it. Of course for less than he said he gave for it. Of course no reliance can be placed on such statements as cannot be depended on. Do they wish this to be the case? if so, they are doing all they can to have their wish fulfilled. But I cannot think that the highly educated native gentlemen will defend such conduct. The nonfulfilment of promises made by themselves is among the [illegible] most frequent of a Griffin's grievances.

THE SONS OF DOST MAHOMED AND OF THE PRESENT AMEER.

THE appended statement, which has been sent to us by an accurate and well-informed correspondent in the Punjab, is interesting at the present time, particularly to those who follow the course of Afghan politics:—

LIST OF THE LATE AMEER DOST MAHOMED KHAN'S WIVES AND SONS.

The late Dost Mahomed Khan Barukzie had twelve wives besides a number of Harems. Those of his sons whose names are in *italics* in the following statement are dead. The others are living:—

1. By the daughter of a Bungush Chief, resident of Korum—Sirdar (afterwards Ameer) *Afzul Khan*, and Mahomed Azim Khan (the ex-Ameer.)
2. By the daughter of a Gopulzie Chief—*Wuzeer Mahomed Akbur Khan, Ghoolam Hyder Khan*, Ameer Shere Ali Khan, *Mahomed Ameen Khan* (killed in 1865 in a battle with his nephew, Mahomed Ali Khan) and Mahomed Shurreef Khan.
3. By the daughter of a Kohistanee Chief—*Akrum Khan*, a great hero who conquered Balkh and Koondaiz for Dost Mahomed Khan.
4. By the daughter of a Bungush Chief, sister of No. 1—Wally Mahomed Khan and *Fyz Mahomed Khan* (killed in 1868 at the famous Bamian war.)
5. By the daughter of a Kashmeeree resident of Peshawur.—Mahomed Aslum Khan, Mahomed Hoossain Khan, Mahomed Hussun Khan and *Mahomed Kassim Khan.*
6. By the daughter of a Sadoozie Chief—Ahmud Khan, Mahomed Zaman Khan, Mahomed Omer Khan, All these are partizans of Azim Khan, and now reside near Kohat, in the British territory.
7. By the daughter of a Ghilzie Chief.—Eussoof Khan, of the party of Azim Khan.
8. By the daughter of a Hazara Hill Chief.—*Shafee Oollah Khan* (killed in the war of 1868.)
9. By the daugher of a Cabulee Sirdar—Kareem Khan Sahib Khan.
10. By the slave girl of No. 4—Mahomed Hashim Khan, of the party of Azim Khan.
11. By the daughter of Nazir Khyroollah—Hubeeboollah Khan.
12. By the daughter of a Kazul Bash Chief.—One son name not ascertained.

According to the above the Ameer, Dost Mahomed Khan, had twenty four sons, of whom six have died. The number of his daughters is between fifteen and twenty, so that he had in all about

POSTAL SMUGGLING.

We observe that the Hon'ble J. B. Norton, Advocate General at Madras, has recorded the opinion that all parcels liable to duty imported by the overland post without any Customs duty being paid thereon are liable to be confiscated, and also that the offending parties are liable to a fine under the provisions of the Sea Customs.

The *Madras Mail* thus comments on this interesting subject:—"The decision of the Advocate General in the matter of the confiscation of articles liable to duty imported from Europe per parcel post commends itself to reason. The Collector of Sea Customs recently made a seizure of some overland packets at the Post Office, which, on being opened, were found to contain jewellery and precious stones, and he at once signified his intention of confiscating them. The owners promptly appealed to the Board of Revenue who referred the matter to the Advocate General, and that officer has expressed his opinion that articles thus evading duty are liable to confiscation, and the owners of the property to a fine for infringing the Sea Customs Act of 1863. A correspondent, two days ago, argued that that Act only authorises the levy of duty 'on goods imported by sea into any port in British India,' and he would appear to think that as the articles in question escaped the clutches of the Bombay Custom House, they had freed themselves from all liability under the Act. But we take it that articles liable to duty continue to be liable until the duty is paid, and that as the Custom House is of an imperial rather than of a local character, the Madras Collector was perfectly justified in repairing the omission of the Bombay Collector. But, while recognising the usual soundness in the Advocate General's opinion, we cannot but think that the Board of Revenue should forego the right of confiscating the articles in the present instance, and simply exact a small fine from the parties who have unintentionally evaded the Act. The regulations for the parcel post, are vague, and seem almost to tempt people to smuggle in a small way. Since they have come into force it is notorious that people who have no intention of doing anything wrong have imported gloves, knick-knacks, and such-like petty dutiable articles by overland post, and that in packets which the ocean postage sorters find always coming undone. Surely it is rather hard if private folk may do a little retail smuggling, and that persons who live by trade must continue to offer for sale similar articles weighted with a heavy Customs duty. It should, therefore, be notified that the parcel post regulations do not in any way abrogate the provisions of the Customs Act, and that for the future packets containing articles liable to duty that are imported by post will be liable to confiscation."

P. AND O. FARE.

Staff Surgeon A. J. Shaw, of the Madras Army, has sent a copy of the following to the Madras papers with the remark—"It embodies the sentiments of a numerously attended meeting of passengers held this day (March 23) on board the above-named ship."

To the Managing Directors P. & O. S. N. Co.,
122, Leadenhall Street, E. C.

Gentlemen,—It is with much regret that we, the undersigned passengers in this ship, are compelled to protest against the diet provided for us since we embarked at Suez, and we herewith submit a short detailed statement of our grounds of complaint.

1. Tea and coffee are invariably bad, and with the scantiest possible allowance of milk.

2. Breakfast, mostly consists of fragments from the previous day's dinner, badly cooked, and served cold. In saying that this meal is badly cooked, we wish it to be understood that we do not expect anything beyond plain wholesome cookery, but we object to dishes such as cowheel, liver and bacon, pigs feet, black puddings, sheeps' hearts, and the like swimming in rancid grease. But bad as these dishes are, this is not all, they are scantily supplied. The curry, for instance, consists of bones and potatoes with an almost total absence of meat.

3. For luncheon, we have cold meat, preserved fish, biscuit and bread, with bad butter and offensive cheese, (no fruit, fresh or preserved) these also insufficient in quantity.

4. At dinner for soup, we have little better than tepid discolored water. The joints are cut into junks by the head steward at the after gangway while the soup is being served, the result being that the meat reaches the table, after the entrees, cold and uneatable. The supply of vegetables is totally inadequate for the number of passenger on board, and they are, in addition, not fresh, bad in quality and invariably served cold.

5. The wines are bad, the only drinkable one is Burgundy, and no measures are taken to keep them, or the drinking water, properly cooled.

The only articles, viz., lemonade, soda and tonic waters, which are cooled, are, we understand, the perquisites of the chief steward, and are only procurable at an exorbitant rate, though on some other lines of your company they are supplied free of cost.

6. Those passengers who have children on board, state that there is no suitable food supplied for them, it being even worse and more unsuitable, than that described above for adults.

Although the general dissatisfaction existing among the passengers has been brought to notice in the proper quarter, no improvement has taken place.

We would also call attention to the serious fact, that there is, at present, no drinkable lime juice on board, nor has there been any fresh fruit, except oranges, on this voyage, and these even, are now, on the ninth day from Aden, consumed. We beg to add that those of us who have travelled by this company before though aware that the diet on this side of Suez is usually bad, never had such cause of complaint as on this occasion.

We are, gentlemen, your most obedient servants.

(Signed) H. T. Shaw, Staff Surgeon, Madras Army; John W. Blackett, Melbourne; T. R. Roberts, Captain 99th Regt., H. M. S.; H. E. Y. Young, Kandy, Ceylon; John Beames, Bengal Civil Service; A. H. Macaffee, Sydney; F. W. Nicol, Calcutta; H. T. Rogers, Captain, R. E.; J. T. T. Sherman, Captain, Madras Staff Corps; J. O. Hasted, Captain, R. E.; Robt. G. Remfry, Calcutta; E. Shaw, Lieut. Madras Staff Corps; Herbert Watson, Shanghai; W. Reme, Shanghai; H. Wilton, Singapore; J. C. Jalins Moller, Shanghai; Edward Pettit, Canton; Henry Walker, Ceylon, Alex. W. Finlay, Melbourne; H. W. Wyhill, Calcutta; H. Clarke, Sydney; J. R. Hobday, 25th Regt., Calcutta; C. H. Sparkes, Galle; C. H. Schutze, Shanghai; J. Colgan, Madras; E. A. Dick-Lauder, Sydney; John Dodd, Formosa; D. R. Macqueen, 75th Regt., Hongkong; Charles George Newbold, Brisbane; W. H. Graham, Captain, R. A. Sydney; Jno. W. Williams, Hongkong, H. M. Naval Yard; J. E. Boyes, Captain, 75th Regt., Hongkong; Jno. Le Dean, Ceylon; J. Phillips, Denham, Melbourne.

s. s. *Mongolia*, 23rd March, 1869.

BOMBAY.

The new Director of Public Instruction.—Mr. J. B. Peile, the lately appointed Director of Public Instruction, is expected to arrive here by the last mail steamer of this month.

Liquor License.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, Mr. Nana Morojee fined a Parsee named Rustomjee Shapoorjee in the sum of Rs. 300, for keeping a liquor shop and selling spirituous liquor by retail without a license from the Commissioner of Police.

Passengers for the Malabar Coast and Calcutta, &c.—The s. s. *Martaban*, Captain Hibbert, sailed yesterday for the Malabar Coast and Calcutta with the following passengers:—For Calicut or Beypore—Mr. C. Faurell and Captain W. H. Newcome.—For Cannanore—Ensign Carter, Ensign Howlett, and Assistant Surgeon Walker. For Beypore.—A European female.

A Case for the Sessions.—The magistrate at the Girgaum Police Court yesterday committed Peerozshaw Sorabjee, a luggage clerk in the employ of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company, for trial at the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the High Court on a charge of criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 2,496, the property of the Company.

High Court Decree.—In the High Court yesterday, before Sir Charles Sargent, Abba Waria, a contractor, sued Custoorchund Roychund for the balance of a promissory note in payment of the cost of building a house. Mr. Bala Mangesh Wagle appeared for the plaintiff and proved that the note was originally for Rs. 4,000 but that Rs. 1,500 had been paid. The Court gave decree for the principal with interest at 9 per cent and costs.

Fatal Accident.—Dr. Lumsdaine held an inquest yesterday at Bhunderwadda Street, touching the death of a Hindoo cultivator named Gunnoo Rama. Deceased had come from his native country to visit his relations in Bombay, and on Monday night last slept with other persons in a place used as a depôt for fire wood. About 4 o'clock yesterday morning the shed fell down, and deceased, when found, was quite dead. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

Passengers for Suez.—The following passengers proceed to Suez per steamer *Ganga*, Captain Child, to-day:—Dr. Elson, 3 children and a European female servant, Mr. and Mrs. Remnant, Mr. H. James, Lieut. and Mrs. Macdougal, 2 children and an ayah, Major and Mrs. Smith, 2 children and an infant, Dr. Vivian, Mrs. Chambers and child, Lieut. Ives, Mr. Flynn, Dr. Candy, Mr. Satow, Mr. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Nash, 4 children and an infant, Mr. Adam, Mr. Brown, Mr. James Barker, Mr. Sheen, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Miss Abbott, Master Abbott, and Mr. Charles Conners.

BOMBAY BENCH OF JUSTICES.

An ordinary quarterly meeting of the Bench of Justices was held on Monday afternoon—Mr. A. R. Scoble in the chair.

The proposed commission to enquire into the working of the municipal act.

The Clerk read a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government regarding the appointment of a commission to enquire into the working of the Municipality since the 1st July 1865.

The Chairman said the immediate question before the Bench was the one in the second paragraph of this letter, which was to this effect:—"The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council before taking any action in this matter, desires to be favoured with a clear expression of opinion on the part of the Justices as to the extent to which they consider the present administration has been, and is, defective, and also as to the mode by which they would themselves propose to remedy these defects."

Mr. Wood said he thought Mr. Currey, who had proposed the resolution to which this letter was a response, would have been present to propose a reply to this letter, stating the outline of what the Bench thought the commission ought to enquire into. Though Mr. Currey was absent he trusted the subject would not be departed from without a resolution to the effect required being proposed by some one and carried by the Bench. Mr. Wood here resumed his seat, but as no other Justice seemed inclined to propose a motion, he proceeded to say that he thought it was a pity to lose time in this way; and though he was not at all prepared to go into the matter he begged to move that a committee be appointed to draw up a reply setting forth the chief heads of the general inquiry which the Government had been asked or was desirous to promote, and report to the Bench. He imagined that this was a question which had been hanging over long enough. He did not see how the Bench could well get out of it, and thought that they should take a straightforward business-like way of meeting it in the face. He should suggest the nomination of a committee of at least half a dozen gentlemen, so that all sections of the Bench would be represented. It was very undesirable to draw up a lengthy statement, but it was of the utmost importance that the reply should cover all matters of enquiry, so that anything which any member of the Bench thought of importance should have a chance of being dealt with.

The Chairman remarked that one unfortunate defect of this Bench was, that when a letter of this sort was received from Government requiring an answer, there was no constituted authority of the Bench by whom an answer could be given. Their channel of communication with Government was through the Clerk, who certainly would not take on himself to answer such a letter without consulting the Bench. The only body having authority to represent the Bench in a matter of this sort and prepare the business was the Finance Committee; and though the duty of answering a letter of this sort did not devolve on the Finance Committee, and formed no part of their functions, yet they had considered this matter of such importance, and requiring so immediate an answer, that they had taken the liberty of overstepping the exact limits of their functions and had prepared a draft reply. (Hear, hear.) Of course there was this difficulty in an answer of that kind—it having been prepared without instructions from the Bench could not in any way bind that body, and if it did not meet the views of the meeting it would be necessary to appoint a committee to suggest another reply in accordance with the views of the Bench. In the meantime if this answer were approved it would not be given in the first instance to the press, but would be sent to Government without further delay.

The Chairman then read the draft reply prepared by the Finance Committee. It was not considered advisable to supply a copy of the document to the press; but the following is the gist of it:—The Worshipful Bench (it said) assumed that it was a very unanimous opinion that the operation of the Municipal Act of 1865, although it had been attended with many and great advantages to the community, had been in many respects unsuccessful, and now requires revision. That the Bench believed that the experience of the last three years had shown in what respects the Act required to be amended, and that, without going into details, the main points to be specially enquired into were these:—First, the relation in which the Municipal Commissioner ought to stand to the Bench in order to give the Bench efficient control over his proceedings; second, the introduction of a better system of checking and auditing the municipal expenditure; third, the improvement of the present system of incidence and collection of municipal taxation; fourth, the amendment of the provisions of the Act in regard to sanitation. In connection with the first of these points, it was said the Bench of Justices were desirous that the whole question of the constitution of the Municipality, including that of the Bench of Justices, should be open for consideration by the Commission. The Bench were not at present prepared to suggest the mode in which they would remedy the defects. The discussion of these defects by the Bench itself would in all probability lead to no practical result, and it was manifest that a large public body like the Bench would find great difficulty in dealing with this question in the first instance. The Bench, therefore, would request Government to appoint a commission, and when the report of that commission was laid before them the Bench would be prepared to consider the recommendations of the commission, and the discussion would be limited to these recommendations.

Mr. Connon said he was extremly gratified to see a draft letter such as this brought before the Bench—a letter which collected the scattered thoughts of these Justices and expressed their views in a way which very few of them probably could do even on reflection; and if he could take on himself to say anything else he would propose that that letter be adopted. With regard to the subject of sanitation, which he saw was mentioned, he should only like to suggest, if the Chairman and the Finance Committee would allow him, that as they had had a deal of discussion about building and a Building Act, one clause should be introduced regarding this subject. (Hear, hear.) He did not care to say a single word more regarding this, but it had been under discussion, and contrary opinions had been expressed, and it would be desirable to have an authority to express an opinion on that; but with that single exception, which he scarcely cared to make an exception, he thought he must say they were extremely obliged to the Finance Committee for having taken this liberty,—as the Chairman described it,—and he would propose that the draft letter be adopted and transmitted under the signature of the Clerk as the reply to Government.

Mr. Aitken said he thought, as Mr. Connon had mentioned the question of building, it might be as well if another clause were added so as to increase the scope of the commission, and he would suggest that it should enquire into the whole relation between the Municipal Commissioner and the Executive Engineer. Of course the Executive Engineer ought to be a professional man, and he should be responsible in an official capacity; and he thought it would be as well to avoid future misunderstandings that the commission should investigate the past relations between the Municipal Commissioner and the Executive Engineer, not with the view of creating any unpleasantness or any difference of opinion on the matter, but with the view of putting the Executive Engineer in a proper position where he could really exercise his experience for the benefit of the Bench. Of course he was presuming that the Municipal Commissioner would not object to this, and it would be very desirable that they should be investigated with the view of definitely settling the professional responsibility of the Executive Engineer to the Municipal Commissioner. At present the position of the former was very peculiar, for he had no defined duties whatever, and he (Mr. Aitken) was not aware that there was anything laid down in the Act except that he should hold shares in no certain companies.

Mr. Maclean said, the clauses of the draft letter seemed to refer principally to the constitution of the Municipality and to the defects of the Act. Mr. Aitken has suggested something that refers to the administration of the Municipality, which is a different question. It is a question whether a clause might not be introduced asking the committee to enquire into that if it is one of the points the Justices find fault with. The administration of the Municipality is a point not included in any of the clauses here, but it seems to me that if the Bench go into a question of that sort they must go a great deal further, according to the opinion of the Finance Committee—they must go a great deal further than writing a general letter in reply to a communication from the Chief Secretary to Government, and it would hardly be desirable to do that at the present moment. The fact is they cannot touch on the question at all, or pretend to go into it, without coming across a very awkward question, namely, a question affecting the whole policy of Government out here. It is not only the constitution of the Bench of Justices, and it would hardly be becoming of the Bench to enter on an enquiry that might cast a reflexion on the whole system of government in Bombay, and upon institutions which are much higher in authority than we are ourselves. There are some remarkable passages in the recent speech of Lord Salisbury which point out a remarkable defect in the principle of our own policy here. He says we are "trying to teach Oriental people to appreciate English institutions which are not at all suited to them—we are trying to give them representative government." Now everybody must feel that the real answer to the letter of the Chief Secretary to Government to us would be this—If it had been the intention of Government in 1865 to create a system on representative institutions generally they could not have done better than create a Bench of Justices and a Municipal Commissioner working with them to govern the town of Bombay. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) But the misfortune is, it is not only in the Bench of Justices, but, speaking with all deference, you find the same thing in the Legislative Council. The other day, when a grain tax was proposed, the Government came forward and said he had great objections to the grain tax; but he yielded to the representations of the tax-payers. Lord Napier concurred with the Governor of Bombay, though his opinions were against it, and Colonel Marriott followed in the same strain; and by a process of exhaustion you come to the conclusion that the men who have the government of the presidency abdicate their power at the bidding of the representatives of the people. Well, if you could have a fair representation of the taxpayers there would be some reason in this abdication; but when you see that by the system—we might almost call it the farce—of representative government which is set up here, you have no representation of the people whatever—when you know that it is impossible to have a fair representation—that you virtually put the governing power into the hands of one class of the people, and that class those who have no sympathy with the poor, whom it is the special function of the Government here to look after and protect—(hear, hear)—then the sooner that system is done away with, not only in this Bench of Justices but throughout India, the better will it be for the interests of the people. It would be quite unbecoming in this Bench of Justices to enter into a matter of this sort in a formal reply to the Chief Secretary to Government, and as we cannot venture to give an opinion upon a question of policy of that kind, the best thing we can do is to refer the matter to Government. They know very well what our sentiments are on this subject. They have seen the woking for many years; and if it please the Government to appoint a commission to go into this and throw out suggestions as to the general principle by which the thing can be better worked, then they will be doing their duty to the town. We are not called upon to tell them that we are anxious to commit suicide and that the Bench of Justices is practically useless. That will be a matter for after-considerations But it is the duty of the Government—in face of the scandals that have arisen within the last few years—proving the inefficiency of the Bench and the Municipal Commissioner to go into the different systems and investigate them thoroughly, and we simply do our duty by leaving the matter in their hands. (Applause.)

Rao Sahib Wishwanath Narayen Mundlick said he had read the letter which the Finance Committee had taken the trouble to propose should be written on behalf of the Bench, and though Mr. Maclean thought it would be better to leave the matter for Government to decide what was best, he was of opinion that the representation on behalf of Government should be sent in the same spirit as it came. For his own part had this draft been circulated he should have been prepared to consent to it or to propose some modifications, but as it had not been circulated he should either vote for Mr. Wood's motion or ask for time that he might be in possession of it to read and think over the subject, for he did not think the matter could be so unceremoniously treated as was suggested by the last speaker.

Mr. Aitken remarked that there was nothing in the draft to meet the matter he had referred to, and handed in the note of the clause which he wished inserted in the letter.

Mr. Maclean suggested that Mr. Aitken should rather ask for inquiry into the general working of the Municipal Act, for his suggestion referred to administration, and that would cover it.

Mr. Ormiston thought the suggested clause was unnecessary, because no commission could judge what alterations they would make on the Act without taking evidence as to how the Act had worked.

Mr. Aitken here withdrew his amendment, as it did not seem to be in accordance with the wishes of the Bench.

The Chairman said the only question now before the Bench was as to the adoption of the draft letter or the appointment of a committee. He thought he might say on behalf of the Finance Committee that they would be perfectly willing to withdraw their draft of the proposed letter if the Bench thought a committee should be appointed to draw up a reply. The committee would not feel it as the slightest reflection on them—(hear, hear)—they had no touchiness on that at all.

Mr. Janardhun Succaram Gadgil had no personal objections to the approval of the draft letter, but thought that it ought to be first printed and circulated, so that the Bench might have an opportunity of considering its terms before they agreed to adopt it. He therefore moved as follows:—

That the letter of the Finance Committee be printed and circulated before finally deciding upon the reply to be sent to Government.

The Chairman said he must object to anything of that sort. This was a proposed reply to a letter from Government, and if the draft was to be hawked about Bombay for a week or a fortnight so that everybody might talk about it, he thought that would be a very improper method of conducting correspondence between the Government and this Bench. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Maclean remarked that in addition to that consideration the Justices had had the letter before them for the last three weeks.

Mr. C. E. Chapman thought that the request of Mr. Janardhun was a very reasonable one. This was a very important question to decide, and the Bench should not be hurried on with a reply. It seemed to him far too important just simply to hear a reply read and then approve of it, and therefore he seconded the amendment.

The Rao Sahib begged to support the amendment. He was not prepared to get up every morning and decide on every question as he saw it in the newspapers, and thought that the greater the amount of criticism there was the better for such matters.

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Mr. Maclean—I object to its being withdrawn, unless you insist upon it.

The Chairman—It would be more satisfactory to withdraw it after the discussion that has taken place; so that the only proposition now before the Bench is Mr. Wood's motion that a committee of six be appointed. Does any Justice wish to make any observation upon that proposal?

Mr. Maclean—But when the report of this committee comes before the Bench, there will probably be the same objection that there is now to the draft letter. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) I therefore propose that when the report of the special committee is prepared it be printed and circulated amongst the Justices for a fortnight, in order that they may know what it is. (Hear, hear, and laughter.)

The Chairman—Do you wish me to put that?

Mr. Maclean—Certainly. I think it absolutely necessary.

Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee—Perhaps next week another committee will be appointed to consider the report of the committee about to be appointed. (Laughter.)

The Chairman—Well, while Mr. Wood is nominating his committee, I will put the motion. It has been proposed by Mr. Maclean, and seconded by Mr. Connon, that the report of the committee be printed and circulated.

Mr. Russel Aitken suggested that it should be circulated two days before the next meeting.

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Mr. Wood then proposed that the committee should consist of the following gentlemen:—Mr. John Connon, Mr. C. Currey, Captain Henry, Mr. Nowrojee Furdonjee, Mr. T. Blaney, Mr. Sorabjee Shapoorjee, and Mr. C. E. Chapman.

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It was also intimated that Mr. Sorabjee Shapoorjee was not in town; and the following gentlemen were appointed to act as the committee:—Mr. Wood, Captain Henry, Mr. Nowrojee Furdonjee, Rao Saheb Wishwanath Narayen Mundlick, Mr. Blaney, and Mr. C. E. Chapman.

The Chairman—Now we must consider Mr. Maclean's motion that the report be printed and circulated.

Mr. Wood—Before you put that I would say it is understood that the committee will present its report to the general meeting held next week.

The Chairman—There is no resolution to that effect.

Mr. Maclean—But supposition Justice rises at next meeting and protests against the report as a draft which he has never seen.

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We have all heard of "mango showers," which may be called the Indian spring showers. When these love tokens of Dame Nature fall early in the year, and when the mango trees are in blossom, it is remarkable that the crop is usually a large one. When, however, the spring showers are late in the year, and fall at a time when the blossom has changed into fruit, they are generally accompanied by thunderstorms of unusual violence, owing to the prolonged heat, and by miniature typhoons, which in one day will leave a promising mango garden a wreck, and its trees nued of their golden plums. One of these storms is aggravating beyond expression to the owner of a fine garden of grafted mangoes; but for the last few years, owners are becoming reconciled to the misfortune, and this year, in many parts of India, they have given up all ideas of a good crop, mango trees, to the surprise of every one, having blossomed in January, or a month earlier than is usual in many localities.

The finest mangoes in the world are no doubt those of the Mauritius. Not only is the climate of that island peculiarly adapted to the mango tree, but such care and attention has been paid to its cultivation and grafting, that it is said some planters expect every season to exhibit mangoes without stones. Certainly, the Mauritians produce delicious mangoes in which the stone is not one-half the size in the Indian fruit, and they have mangoes of great variety of flavour. Thus they have "strawberry mangoes," "raspberry mangoes," "peach mangoes," "apricot mangoes," etc., etc., which require no great effort of the imagination to convince one that the Mauritian mangoes have been actually flavoured with the English fruits we have mentioned. In fact, they are delicious beyond comparison, as every one will admit who has paid Mauritius a visit in the mango season. The Bombay mangoes rank next to those of the Mauritius. Some of the Bombay fruit is very fine, but the best kinds are not easily purchased as they are the produce of private gardens, and they are given away as presents by the owners. The common bazaar mango of Bombay is, however, a superior fruit, and we believe it to be a fact, that mangoes only arrive at full perfection when planted within the influence of sea breezes and saline moisture. The mangoes along the coast are much superior to those inland, thus the mangoes of Central India and the Deccan are far inferior to those of Bombay, Goa, Madras, etc., etc. Like the cocoanut tree, the mango tree only flourishes to rare perfection when planted within sight of the ocean.

European and native gardeners have many recipes and nostrums for making the mango tree bear fruitfully and well. Thus, some recommend the tree to be pruned in the cold weather, and the ground to be kept constantly stirred up round the roots. Others recommend dead dogs and cats and other carrion to be interred, *ad nauseum*, at the root of each tree. Some pin their faith of a luxuriant crop to bone dust, others to ordinary manure; but we believe there is nothing so good for the purpose as blood from the slaughter house. The productive effects of blood upon fruit trees is very remarkable, and we will relate a curious instance of its miraculous effect of which we were an eye-witness. A gentleman in England was much disappointed with the vines in his conservatory. They were well selected healthy plants, and well manured with ordinary manure, but, somehow or other, their crops of fruit were poor and scanty. The owner tried many nostrums without results until he was advised to try blood from the slaughter house. He did so, putting large quantities of gore to the roots, and with the most astonishing success. The crops of grapes were next season increased fourfold, and were of the finest quality. The experiment has succeeded with all kinds of fruit trees, and we would recommend those who are the fortunate possessors of choice *grafts* mangoes to try it without delay. Blood, however, should not be placed at the roots, or the ground disturbed, while there is any blossom or fruit upon the tree.

As people have different modes of growing mangoes, so they have different methods of eating them. Captain Marryatt in his novel of "Newton Forster," has a picture of an old Indian colonel at Madras eating mangoes. The colonel has a huge basket of the fruit beside him, and he enjoys them out of a

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA BILL.

We conclude, from yesterday's *Gazette*, the report of the discussion on the abovenamed Bill which took place in the House of Lords on the 11th March.

The Marquis of Salisbury—I should be sorry not to avail myself of this opportunity of acknowledging the ability and interest of the speech made by the noble duke upon this measure. I believe the step taken by the noble duke in extending the power of the Governor-General in matters of legislation is eminently a step in the right direction, and that the experience of English statesmen will lead them to extend that power still further. I believe no greater mistake has been made of recent years in regard to Indian matters than that of thinking we could produce a copy of the English Constitution in India. If you wish to govern Asiatics in a manner conformable to their opinions and interests, you must govern them Asiatically; and the cumbrous system which we, in obedience to our instincts, have adopted for guarding the interests of all in the progress of legislation is utterly unsuited to their feelings, and only tends to hinder the progress of government. No reproach has been addressed to us more often than that we have attempted to govern India by refined but cumbrous and tardy methods, which the natives would gladly exchange for more rapid, though, perhaps, ruder justice. Therefore I am glad to see that the noble duke is tending towards a more despotic ideal of management, and I trust that, when we get free from some superstitions of public opinion which have hampered us during the last generation or two, we shall extend the despotic idea a little further, and shall confine our attempts to imitate European institutions to those places where the European population is in the majority. In this measure the noble duke has attempted what I believe, is the most satisfactory solution of a very difficult question, and is infinitely better than the system of appointment by competition. The evil of that is twofold—if it fails, as it hitherto has done, and the natives do not take advantage of your competitive system, then they blame you for having excited their hopes, and, as they think, acted with duplicity; if it succeed you give them vested rights in the offices which they come to hold, and that in time of trouble may expose you to dangers on which I should hardly venture here to enlarge, but which must spontaneously suggest themselves. Therefore it is far better that natives should be appointed on the exclusive responsibility of the Governor-General, and I do hope the noble duke will not consider it necessary to fetter the discretion of the Governor-General too much in that respect, or to do any thing that shall cause him to hesitate in the trial of the new system. Whatever is done must, of course, be done slowly and tentatively. There are two dangers to avoid—if you are too careless you may appoint men educated and competent, but in their hearts not loyal to your rule; and, on the other hand, while you may obtain natives loyal to your rule, the differences of race, which we can hardly appreciate here, but which exercise so strong an influence in India, may arouse jealousies between civil servants which may render it impossible for natives and whites to work harmoniously in the same office. One of the most serious dangers you have to guard against is the possibility of jealousy arising from the introduction of natives into the service. There is one point in the speech of the noble duke against which I wish to enter my protest. He seemed to think that the only way in which we could fulfil our pledge was by admitting them to the direct service of the Crown. My belief is that the true way to admit the natives of India to a just share in the Indian Government is to maintain the native Sovereignties which we protect, because in the management of these Sovereignties the natives participate according to their own ideas of government, in the way they best understand, and which is therefore best calculated to promote the equality and efficiency which we have in view. One of the main arguments against annexation, and in favour of the policy of maintaining those native States which still remain, is that by so doing you are able to gratify the ambition of those natives of India who feel themselves fit for political offices, and that you are thus able to repudiate the reproach that you are barring out the fields of patronage by the barriers of caste or race. I believe that such a policy would be suicidal, and by abstaining from interference with the native Princes who still remain you will be saved from the reproach. (Hear, hear.) The only other point connected with the policy of this Bill was a point, if I may use the expression, relating to matters not in the Bill. (A laugh.) There is no doubt that the question of the Governorship of Bengal is a very knotty one, and I think that the noble duke has adopted the right course. The truth is that you cannot leave the Lieutenant-Governor where he is. He is either too big or not big enough. The original idea with which it was suggested that the Governorship of Bengal should be erected was to avoid the necessity of putting an English statesman in that position, and thus to avoid the occurrence of an evil which was strongly experienced at the time of the Orissa famine. But the objection was well-founded that you could not have a Lieutenant-Governor independent of the Governor-General without introducing an amount of disagreement which had in former times been so fatal to Bengal. If ever the question of a Governor of Bengal is to be taken up, it must be when you have solved the difficulty about what is to be the capital of India, and when you have determined not to throw away the lives of the ablest of your servants in India by placing them in the most unhealthy station to be found in that country. When you have attained to that stage of administrative wisdom, then will be the time for attempting a settlement of this question. Seeing, however, that India was not to do this you must introduce a new system of election into the Council. This you can effect by fixing an age before which a member should be ineligible to sit in the Council. In one way or another you must provide for a more rapid succession. I cannot, however, agree in thinking that the Council ought to be entirely composed of gentlemen who have recently come from India. I would impress upon the noble duke the necessity of representing the commercial element in the Indian Council. It is perfectly impossible that the proper importance can attach to the measures adopted unless the commercial and mercantile interests are represented, and able to discuss those measures. There is another point to which I will refer. I should like to see a clause inserted in the Bill providing that whenever the Secretary of State should be of opinion that any measure proposed before him was necessary for securing the welfare, safety, and tranquillity of India, he might on his own authority adopt and carry it into execution, only in such case that he should also notify the fact to the two Houses of Parliament. I believe that the tutelage in which the Governor-General is held by his Council is injurious to the good government of India. It is perfectly true, in reference to such matters as railway guarantees and other commercial affairs of that kind, the veto of the Council is occasionally a protection, but with that solitary exception I believe that the principle upon which Lord Palmerston acted in 1858 was a sound one—that the responsibility should lie in the Minister of the Crown, and in the Minister of the Crown alone. (Hear, hear.) And it must be remembered that this curious machinery of the Council, so strangely selected and endowed with such anomalous powers, was not adopted because it was believed to be the best plan that could be devised, but as a compromise to get rid of the opposition of the old East India Company. (Hear, hear.) They have had ten years of their compromise, and the time has at length come to reconsider it. (A laugh.) I think we may fairly ask whether the ordinary rules of our Constitution ought not to be put in practice, and whether we ought not to place in the Secretary of State alone that responsibility which is borne by every other Minister of the Crown. (Hear, hear.) I hope, at all events, that the noble duke will not allow the Secretary to pass away without clearing up the mystery which enabled the Council, under cover of a privilege of vetoing money questions, to interfere with every other measure on the plea that it involved money considerations, and which, in fact, made them an incubus upon the Ministry. It is not enough to say that they will not exercise the veto except upon extraordinary occasions. The very fact that they can exercise it imposes a check upon the action of the Secretary of State to which he ought not to be subjected, and the power of veto ought to be confined to money measures alone. I think that the time has now arrived when legislation on this subject may safely be attempted, and I feel convinced that Parliament will support the noble duke in any endeavour which he may make. I entirely assent to the changes which the noble duke proposes, and I think they indicate the policy in which the statesmen who succeed him will have to go further than he has gone, and that the removal of so many of the old prejudices on this question is full of happy omen for the future good government of India. (Cheers.)

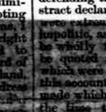
Lord Houghton—I very deeply regret, my lords, the embarrassments that seem to have attended the new Government of India ever since its construction. It would be impossible for any man who considers the question as it came before Parliment some years ago, in the different relations both as regarded the Government of England and the Government of India, and the Government of India and the natives of that country, not to feel that we were entering upon so difficult and dangerous a problem that we required to be guided by almost superhuman wisdom and superhuman knowledge. We are here in this position—that it is impossible for any man, even for my noble friend opposite, to speak upon this question without falling into a series of contradictions. My noble friend evidently desires that there should be no limitation placed upon the power of the English Secretary of State for India, because he says it is advisable that he should act with the same independence that other Ministers do. From that we are to understand that the Secretary of State residing in this country—a gentleman who probably knows no more about India than any one of us can learn by our own political steady and our own political thought—should be invested with what may be called the supreme power of the Government of India. At the same time my noble friend says he desires to see India governed from India, and not from England. Every measure which tends to separate the Government of India from England, and to enable the Government of India to be carried on by those who alone can understand the subject, will meet with my cordial assent. (Hear, hear.) I cannot but think that the Secretary of State for India ought to have some chance of obtaining that local information which he can have only from persons who have been in direct communication with the natives of India. But the question now before your lordships is complicated to such a degree that I do not feel competent to solve it. When the noble duke intimates that he intends to introduce into the government of India the natives of India to an extent that has not hitherto been adopted, I would remark that if he means to do so he must act about it in some other way than that which would destroy whatever good has come from the present system of competition. I confess, at the same time, that I never could see the advantage to the public service of giving appointments in India to young men merely because they had undergone a severe intellectual test, while they might not have any moral capabilities at all. I do not believe that the present Governors of India possess any great superiority over those who filled the same positions in former times. No doubt, in former times, young men were put forward and selected for appointments in India because it was believed that they had qualifications which would fit them for the public service in that country; and, therefore, I very much doubt that your modern competitive examination gives you anything like so good a knowledge of the staple qualifications of the men you send to India as you had in old times. But the question is, can we exclude natives altogether? I believe it is not possible to do so. We might wish to govern India entirely by Englishmen; but education is spreading there, and we cannot in India act in contradiction to that policy of extending self-government on which we are acting in all our other possessions. (Hear.) I only hope the noble duke feels the magnitude of the change which he calls on us to bring about. He is now about to have carried out for the first time the principle stated in that magnificent, but hitherto futile, declaration in which it was stated that the government of India would be conducted without reference to differences of race. I hope my noble friend will be able to adapt that principle to the exigencies of the Government in India, and that he may be able to bring about a large admission of natives; but how to do this under present circumstances is to me an enigma. That something must be done is certain; but I would ask your lordships to remember the difficulties of the case. They cannot be exaggerated. It is only a few years ago that this happened;—so simple a post as that of surgeon to one of our regiments having been put up to competition, it was assigned to a native; but my noble friend Lord Halifax, who was then Minister for India, felt himself unable to make the appointment. It was apprehended that the appointment of a native would provoke such a spirit of mutiny in the regiment that my noble friend thought it would be better even to do an injustice to the individual than to run the risk of the consequences which might follow from his appointment. There is another point which I would ask the noble duke to explain a little more fully. Are there certain appointments to be given without competition, but on the arbitrary judgment of the Governor-General, and are these other appointments which will be competed for in England? Some of the difficulties in this matter the noble duke will doubtless be able to explain away, but I fear there are others which, with all his power, he will be forced to leave behind. (Hear, hear.)

Lord Hardinge quite concurred in the provisions of the Bill. Any legislation which tended to strengthen the hands of the Governor-General of India was, in his opinion, legislation in the right direction. As regarded the last clause, admitting natives to the covenanted service, he could not but remark that he did not think the competitive system, which had been now for some time on its trial, would produce more noble results than the patronage system did. He, therefore, thought it better to have the appointments made in the way provided by this Bill than to have them made by competition to take place at Calcutta or in London. He did not know whether the noble duke was aware that, out of an uncovenanted service of 2,000 officials, only 15 natives held appointments of a salary of £1,000 a year; and in the other appointments there were six Europeans to one native. From those facts it appeared to him that either the Government of India had no disposition to encourage the employment of natives, or there was the greatest difficulty in finding natives capable of filling appointments. When he was in India he knew natives who filled the office of deputy-magistrate. If the system of competition were introduced in India they would have clever Bengalese from the college at Calcutta who would distance all competitors. Now, a Bengalee might do very well for a deputy-magistrate; but his habits disqualified him for the higher offices of the Civil Service. If the seniority principle were adopted natives would rise *pari passu* with Europeans, and the Governor-General knowing that a European would be the better man for, say, such an office as that of Zillah Judge, a difficulty would arise. Every one must see that in the present state of public opinion it would be impossible to keep natives out of the Civil Service. We must admit them, and he thought the plan of admitting them embodied in this Bill was better than that which had been proposed elsewhere—namely, to admit them by competitive examination. (Hear, hear.)

The Duke of Somerset rose to make a suggestion. This was the first time the Secretary for India had a seat in their lordships' House. He therefore asked his noble friend (the Duke of Argyll) whether he would, in the course of the Session, favour the House with a statement regarding the finances of India. It was said that the Indian Budgets brought forward in the other House were works of imagination rather than financial accounts. (A laugh.) As no money was voted when the Indian Budget was brought forward, it appeared to him that there could be no objection to the course he proposed.

The Duke of Argyll, in reply to his noble friend (Lord Lyveden), had to say that the money given to the Ameer of Cabul was simply a present. No conditions whatever had been made with the Ameer. The Ameer asked the Government for assistance, in consequence of his having lost much of his revenue in the war, and the money was given to him as a present. The Government in India and the Government at home were free to take in the future whatever course might be best for our own interests and those of Cabul. He wished to direct the attention of the noble lord to the wording of the provisions of the Act of 1833. He was not defending that clause because he thought that the abstract declaration of principles in Acts of Parliament were extremely inconvenient and for the most part impolitic, as leading to expectations which could not be always readily fulfilled, and which were always misleading. The words which were inserted in the Act of 1833 were on account that he was opposed to this provision being made which were contained in the Act of 1784, at the time that the Crown assumed the nominal government of India. He thought that provisions contained abstract declarations of principle which had been framed apparently inconvenient in regard to cases to which they were never intended to be applied. It was therefore to be hoped that the declaration contained in the Act of 1833 ought to be adhered to as far as possible. As the law stood, no office or place under the Company now represented by the Crown, could be shut to natives of India merely because they were natives. Of course, there were many offices of which it might be said that they could not be filled by natives, such as great administrative offices. He entirely assented to the general principle laid down by the Marquis of Salisbury—namely, that it was not only our duty to ourselves, but to India also, to maintain our dominion in that country, and to take no steps that endangered the dominion except such as must lead, in the long run, to the complete education of the people. In the meantime, however, we were not bound to employ natives who were not loyal to ourselves. As regards the powers of the Council, he could assure his noble friend that the attention he had been able to pay to that subject showed him that his noble friend laboured under an erroneous impression concerning it. The Secretary of State was absolutely supreme on financial matters. He had the whole control of the secret committee and, besides that, in all matters of policy, including even taxation, it was perfectly competent for him to overrule the opinions of his Council. That he believed to be the interpretation of the law, and he was not aware of any case in which the Council had set up its authority in opposition to the will of the Secretary of State. Even in the great Mysore case, which involved the sacrifice of a large amount of revenue, no suggestion had ever been made that the Secretary of State was incompetent to deal with it upon his sole authority. With regard to the question of the noble lord who had just sat down as to whether the clause he had referred to was to be a dead letter, he must express that such would not be the case, although, at the same time, they ought to proceed very carefully with regard to it. The safer plan would be to lay down some system of selection with regard to the natives. He could conceive no motives which could possibly bias to an injurious degree the authority of the Government of India in the selection of natives. It was most improper that the Government of India should be restrained by law from selecting natives to fill offices the duties of which they were thoroughly competent to discharge. With regard to what was very erroneously called the Indian Budget, which, in fact, was no budget at all, but simply a statement of the position of the finances of India, hitherto it had been made in the House of Commons, and he had no doubt that the House of Commons would require his hon. friend who represented the Indian Department there to make that statement in that House, but their lordships were perfectly entitled to have another statement upon the subject made to them. He intended, with their lordships' permission, at the proper time to lay before them a statement respecting the Indian finances. (Hear, hear.)

The Bill was then read a second time.



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There is an excellent Billard Table.

The Wines, Spirits, and Beer are all of the first quality.

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Byculla Hotel, 1st July, 1868.

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On Government Bills	Not exceeding 7 per cent.
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On Loans on deposit of Government Paper, Bullion, or Railway Shares	7 per cent. 8 per cent.

INTEREST.

On Fixed Loans on deposit of Government Paper, Bullion, or Railway Shares	7 per cent. 8 per cent.
On ditto ditto ditto Goods or Shipping documents for Goods	9 do. 10 do.
On Cash Credits, on Security of Government Paper, Bullion, or Railway Shares, subject to a Commission of ½ per cent. on the amount of Credit	8 do. 9 do.

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Bombay, 23rd March 1869.

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The current rates of Exchange are:—

		Per Rupee.
On London at 6 months' sight	2s. 1/4d.	do.
,, 3 do.	2s.	do.
,, 1 do.	1s. 11 3/4d.	do.
,, demand	1s. 11 11/16d.	do.
On Scotland do.	1s. 11 11/16d.	do.
On Ireland do.		
On Paris do.	1s. 11 9/16d.	do.

Circular Notes payable throughout Europe 1s. 11 9/16d. do.

No Drafts at four months' sight are granted for sums under £50. Sums under £20 are only drawn for on demand.

All Treasury Drafts, Hoondees and other orders for realization, to be endorsed "Pay the Oriental Bank Corporation, or order."

Any information as to rules of business may be had on application at the Office, or by letter to the Agent.

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An Agency of the Corporation has been opened at Kurrachee, where Deposits are received on the same terms as at Bombay. The Agent also buys Bills on England and elsewhere, and grants Drafts on he Head Office and Branches of the Corporation.

Bombay, 31st March 1869.

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LONDON BANKERS—Union Bank of London.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Are made up to the 30th June and 31st of December in each year, and if the balance has not at any time during the half year been below Rs. 1,000, interest at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum is allowed on the minimum monthly balances. *No* interest is allowed on sums above one lac.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Subject to 3 months' notice of withdrawal 3 per cent. per annum.

6	ditto	4 ditto.
12	ditto	5 ditto.

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Hours of Business—10 to 3; Saturdays 10 to 1.

G. W. BOOKER, Manager, Delhi and London Bank, Limited.

Bombay, 16th February 1869.

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Recognised by the International Convention of 30th April 1862, and by Act No. VIII. of 1864, of the Legislative Council of India, and by amended Act of 1867.

Subscribed Capital	£3,200,000
Paid up Capital	3,200,000
Reserve Fund	800,000

HEAD OFFICE—Paris.

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Lyons, Marseilles and Nantes (France).	Hongkong.
Bourbon (Reunion).	Shanghai.
Calcutta.	Yokohama.

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,, IN IRELAND.—The Munster Bank, Limited.

,, ,, .—The Belfast Banking Company.

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Deposits for fixed periods are received at interest, particulars of which may be obtained at the Bank as also any further information as to rules of business, may be had on application to the Manager.

All remittances to be endorsed "Pay Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris, or order."

E. J. HARDCASTLE, Acting Manager.

9, Rampart Row, Bombay, 19th February 1868.

AGRA BANK (Limited).—Capital—£1,000,000 (One Million Sterling). In 100,000 Shares of £10 each.

HEAD OFFICE—Nicholas Lane, Lombard Street. London, E.C.

Edinburgh Branch—17 St. Andrew Square.

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6	do.	2s. ,,
3	do.	1/11½ ,,
2	do.	1/11½ ,,
1	do.	1/11 11/16 ,,
On demand		1/11½ ,,

No Drafts at six months' sight are granted for sums under £50. Drafts under £50 are only drawn for on demand.

INTEREST.

Deposits repayable on demand 1 per cent. per annum.

Deposits repayable after fixed periods, not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000 for all accounts the balances of which shall not at any time fall below Rs. 1,000. When such balance has been exceeded interest will be allowed.

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Do.	6	do. 5 ,,
Do.	12	do. 6 ,,
Do.	24	do. 8 ,,

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EDWARD MORRISS, Manager.

Bombay, 6th April, 1869.

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Authorised Capital—Two Millions Sterling.

Subscribed Capital	£928,200
Paid-up Capital	£464,100
Reserve Fund	£ 38,000

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JAMES WINDRAM, Manager.

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Patent Staples (bunches, to punch ¼ inch Plate Iron
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3 Iron Boats, now lying on the Beach, with masts, rigging and fore and mainsails complete. Each Boat is capable of carrying 80 Bales Cotton or 500 Bags Rice.

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Anchors, chains, stores, office furniture, &c., &c., &c.

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COGNAC, Fine Old Pale, per dozen	27 0	30 0
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A fresh supply of these fine Spirits on sale by the

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A second-hand English-built park phaeton in good order with a pair of one black and one grey fast-trotting Arab horses and a set of nearly new plated mounted harness, complete.

The above to be sold together or separately as it may suit a purchaser and to be seen daily at the rooms of the undersigned.

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A nearly new English-built handsome cab, with a fast-trotting bay Arab horse, and a set of covered buckles harness, complete.

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A first-class second-hand English-built high-wheeled dog-cart, by Bennian and Healey.

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Also, a small stock of second-hand harness, all of which are guaranteed to be of superior workmanship and material, and the first ever offered for sale in this market. It is specially worthy the attention of Gentlemen furnishing their stables, as the whole will be sold at a very low figure. To be seen at the Repository.

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2 nearly new Malvern Dog-carts, painted dark green, by McNaught and Smith.

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1 first-class high-wheeled Malvern Dog Cart, with Collenge patent Axles, lacewood Shafts, painted dark blue, and lining to match, by Windover.

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A batch of Children's single-seated Perambulators with highly furnished linings, folding-heads, aprons with double springs.

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2 very small self-driving Pony Phaeton with Lamps and Shafts.
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